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The Strangest Rescue On Record. WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY JAMES REDDINGTON.

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HEN the man with a strong foreign accent expressed his desire to open an account with us, giving his name as the Marquis di Paolo, I confess to some misgiving. He seemed to take a long time to transact a little business, and his restless eyes kept wandering about the bank as a man in a strange place trying to get his bearings. But when John, the watchman, came into the bank at the closing hour and said that the Italian was haunting the exterior of the premises still. I grew a little con-

cerned. There were about sixty thousand dollars in cash in the vault, besides securities to the value of half a million. Although Douglaston was a mere suburb of the great metropolis, there were rich residenters as well as two or three large factory corporations keeping large accounts with us, and probably no bank within a hundred miles of New York did a better business considering the size of the community. It often occurred to me that when bankbreakers cast their eyes about for the likeliest suburban savings institution to crack, they might think us quite worthy of consideration.

"Where does that Marquis live?" I asked the watchman, concealing the concern I might feel or undue interest in the stranger.

and cook. They took the house for the summer, I'm told. They have been there more than a month now. They seem to be supplied well with money and live very quietly. I just noticed the chap whom they call 'the Marquis' pacing from the mansion through the narrow garden toward the bank as if he were measuring the distance. Wouldn't have thought much of it if he hadn't looked a little flurried when he raised his eyes and saw we were watching him. Don't know that there is any cause to be alarmed, but all the same I will bring my brother up with me to-night and let him promenade the rear while I keep watch on the street side. What do you say, sir?"

"Very well, John. Go and come back early.

I shall close up now."

When the watchman was gone I locked the front door after him and went back to my desk for a little quiet cogitation. I had a very peculiar feeling -a premonition of something disagreeable. However, since I had been cashier of the Nassau National Bank this feeling had come with every attack of indigestion, so I made light of it. Gazing about the room my eyes fell upon a big black dictionary on the just below me. For a long time this continued, shelf. An idea struck me. I thought it would then something fell and a draught of air seemed

space in the center of the volume and deposit I felt myself gasping for breath, actually within at least twenty or thirty thousand dollars, laying it on the shelf over the time-lock safe in the vault. No bank-breaker would ever think of looking into a dictionary for treasure. I took the book down and began the task of cutting out the greater part of the interior so deftly that no evidence of its hollowness was visible from the outside. This done, quite Then to my utter astonishment, right through triumphantly I went back through the grating gates to the vault before the door of which my big Danish mastiff slept soundly. I do not know why I was so considerate of the beast, but in swinging the big door I opened it only wide enough to slip into the vault so as not to disturb the mastiff's slumbers. Once in the little brick-and-iron bound chamber, I fell to packing the interior of the big dictionary with the largest bills from the inner chest of the steel time-lock safe, and with about forty thousand dollars thus disposed of, I tossed the volume carelessly upon the shelf above, littering it with documents and papers of little value. I was smiling at my little strategem when on turning about, I heard my big mastiff stir and then proceed to perform a feat that to this day is unaccountable. The Dane had a habit of jumping up on the street door and looking appealingly into the window till some one let him in. Why he should have jumped up on the vault door at that moment I cannot imagine. At any rate, I heard his paws against the iron, and then the door swung shut, the bolts sliding with an ominous clank.

It was some few minutes before 1 realized that I was actually a prisoner. I tried to move the bolts from the inside, but I simply could not budge them. My dog was whining and beating his huge paws against the door as if he too realized my predicament, but soon stopped, and as I suppose resumed his slumbers. The vault was air-tight and almost sound-proof as weli, illuminated by a single electric globe hanging from the ceiling. There was not a soul in the building and the streets of Douglaston at that hour of the day were usually quite departed. I knew that even if I had some heavy inthe ment with which I could sound the darm against the door, there would be few to hear and none to realize my predicament. Then to make the case still more alarming, I calculated that the air in the vault would last me about two hours and no more. In the center of the vault I stood, great drops of sweat rolling down my cheeks. Here I was sepulchered with a large fortune, facing death, with no man in the world who had his freedom that was not richer.

Seeing the necessity of instant action, I looked about for some instrument with which I could make myself heard, but finding nothing I took off my shoe and began pounding on the vault door, shrieking my loudest. I don't think I ever experienced such maddening silence. I called and called till my strained throat began to swell, then I moved back to the far end of the vault and sat down on an iron chest to think. I do not know how long I sat there, but soon I became conscious of growing weakness and a giddiness of the head. Queer sounds rang in my ears and I saw visions of supernatural beauty. I seemed to be under the influence of some powerful drug. Sliding to the floor of the vault, the cool stone seemed to revive me for the instant and I breathed with less difficulty. But those queer sounds and phantastic visions came again, and I knew that I was being slowly asphyxiated in the carbon of my own lungs and that the supply of lifegiving oxygen in the vault was growing less with every breath.

I remember a man who once travelled with a show as a hypnotist's "horse", saying that he could go into a fake trance and remain as one dead, breathing but once a minute for a day. That if a man lay perfectly quiet he might reduce food and respiration and even the heart action to the minimum. I resolved to make the experiment. Stretching out on my back as one dead, I saved my breath as if every atom "In that old mansion at the rear of the bank of it was more precious than the bank notes and fronting State street," replied the trusty. that lay within my reach. My head continued "There are five of them all told, housekeeper to bind frightfully at the temples, however, and the pageant of my whole life swept before me in lurid hues and phantasmal shapes as one drowning. Then would come moments of complete unconsciousness, out of which state I would be suddenly roused by the most dreadful visions and appalling sounds. I seemed to see my children torn limb from limb in the hands of giants and the wife of my heart subjected to atrocious tortures. These maddening deliriums drove me frantic, yet I seemed perfectly powerless to stay them. The flesh and the spirit seemed to separate, and I in the spirit seemed to be watching myself in the flesh enduring the most hellish agony, yet unable to escape it. I went through the bodily anguish of ten thousand deaths, saw myself laid away in the grave, heard the dirt beat down upon my narrow house and felt the worms gnawing at my vitals till I lay a black skeleton, which in turn crumbled away into dust, and each period seemed to take years. After that came oblivion.

> I have no idea how long I lay there in that state of unconsciousness bordering on actual death, but I was roused by a rapping, rapping

be a very easy thing to cut out a big square to envelop me with its life-restoring bounty. breathing once more, and the heart took up its heavy beatings. Opening my mouth wide, I drew in the precious volume, and slowly my sense of sight was restored and thoughts clear and consecutive came back to me. The rapping continued, but louder now, and again and again that sound as of brick and mortar falling. the floor of the vault not two feet before my staring eyes, I saw the end of a burglar's jimmy thrust up again and again as the hole widened to its force. At last I realized what had happened. Burglars were at work below. In their daring strategem for plunder the bank breakers had unconsciously saved my life.

My first impulse was one of such intense gratitude that could I have reached down the big black dictionary, I think I should have gratefully rained down thousand-dollar bills through the rift and bidden the marauders away to make merry. But with gathering strength the enormity of the offense took more distinct proportions. I fell to meditating upon a capture. Suddenly I heard a low whisper. "Per Dio!" said a voice in very good Italian, "there is a light still in the vault above." To which a comrade replied, "Tanto miglio!" ("So much the better.") With this much vouchsafed me it was not difficult to guess the character of my unexpected guests. It is remarkable how in a trifling but anxious

space of time the pros and cons of a strategem will combat each other to a finish, leaving one perfectly numb. Finding that I had regained strength enough to reach around to my hip pocket, I drew the revolver which I usually pocketed every night for my lonely walk to my home on the very outskirts of the village. I now feit a cherished sense of relief in its possession; and clasping it firmly I steadied it against the floor with the muzzle within six inches of the breach through which I had received my lease of life, but through which was soon to force the hand of death. Meanwhile the tools were working away diligently and I marveled that the ruffians were not overheard by the watchmen promenading without. It was a simple game of waiting. I had resolved at first to blow the top off the first human head that popped above the level of the floor. But after a time the shameless advantage which I would thus take over an adversary caused me to waver and await the natural turn of events. I was calm now, the ringing in my ears had ceased, the binding grip on my temples had abated. I felt that within a half hour I would be quite equal to any controversy 1 might be forced into, however unwillingly.

Brick by brick the fragments gave way and rolled down to the floor of the cellar below. The scoundrels were working hard and saying little. The cold steel jimmy thrust up through the cleft every moment or two, sent a queer thrill into my heart. Then at last I caught a glimpse of a hand-not that of a laborer, indeed, but long and thin, without callous, and bleeding slightly from many scratches. It shot up, clutched the cement floor, then slipped and disappeared. My heart was in my throat, for I knew that there was a crisis near. Another wrench of the steel and down fell a vast shower of debris, leaving a hole large enough to admit a human body. I clutched my weapon, covered the rent and waited.

There seemed to be some sort of a consultation going on in the cellar below-a question as to who should be first to advance. But soon I heard a stir below me, then up shot that same lank hand, the left grasping the opposite edge of the breach. Slowly then as if boosted up from below there came a round black hatless head covered with dust and a pair of shoulders strained through the breach, back to me. The wriggling, struggling torso was half way through the rift before I made a stir. Then with revolver poised steadily on a level with the intruder's head, I said with as much affability as I could command, "Buona sera, Signore!-

The dark shape twisted violently, and a face as colorless as chalk swept around and faced me, eyes bulging and mouth agape with sudden horror, his long thin nose barely brushing the muzzle of my weapon. The scoundrel was simply struck speechless.

"Good evening, Marquis," I repeated. "Did you come to get your deposit? You might have trusted us till morning. No-not a stir, or I shall blow that Rabelaisian face of yours clean through the back of your neck. Stay just where you are and let us talk things over.'

Below there was a series of clamorous halfsmothered cries. "What's the matter? Why don't you go on? What has happened to you?

"Of course, Marquis," I continued, "I could blow you into kingdom come right here in cold blood, even as you would delight to finish me and would have done so if you had had the chance. But to tell you the truth, without knowing it you have saved my life. Now I am not a mean man, and I am inclined to deal very leniently with you. You saved my life I say and I am going to spare yours, but on condition that you and your ruffian confederates leave town this very night and never set foot in it again. Yes, I will even do more. I will supply you with railroad fare and enough money for provisions for a good long journey

beside. But mark you, go you must. Mage no mistake about that. After this embarraning episode your presence is highly unwelcome in Douglaston and I may say dangerous degree."

Still the Marquis was dumb with uncertain; and terror. Still hoarse whispers edles up from below and hands tugged at the limp lorn trapped midway between death and freedom

"Now, Marquis," I resumed, "while I core you with my revolver with one hand, I am go ing to write a confession for you to sign which will make things perfectly clear to my superion and to the public over whose funds I state guard. You must sign that document." He I drew forth paper and pencil, writing with one eye on the pad and another along the barrel of my weapon. "I, Marquis di Paolo, hereo, certify that with several confederates I con spired to rob the Nassau National Bank Douglaston, hiring a house in the vicinity for the purpose, and from the cellar of the same dug a tunnel to the cellar of the bank building breaking through into the vault where | w confronted-

I paused. The Marquis, who had evidently been standing upon his confederates shoulden below, suddenly threw up his hands and with a cry went down through the rift like a drown. ing man. Stunned and mortified that my captive had so easily eluded me, I leaned over the hole and looked down. The place was de-



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certed, a lantern faintly illumining the grim depths. A frenzy of rage seized me. Without s thought of the danger of encountering a whole quartette of outlaws, down through the breach I salipped, falling headlong over the heap of debris. Then gathering myself up bruised and bleed ing, through the great hole which had been mad in the side of the vault leading into the cellar I plunged, revolver in hand, resolved to fire at the first sight of human being. Through the darkness toward the rear of the building I crept, expecting to hear at any moment the crack of a pistol and feel the sting of a bulle . Still, I plunged on, crouching low to the damp floor, till finally reaching the rear wall, I to and myself at the mouth of a rude tunnel w hither on hands and knees through the dark roess four men were scrambling like wolves syroked from their lair.

Turning an ear in the direction I plainly heard the panting and struggling of the fleeing marauders, and the prospect of my utter helplessness to stay them enraged me. Raising my weapon I fired after them into the darkness. Through the silence afar I heard an answering oath. "Iddio!" a hoarse whisper echoed back. "I'm hit, I'm hit! Stop-wait-help, comrades!" The thought that I had winged my man gave me a frenzy of satisfaction. Again I mised my weapon in the direction of the agonizing voice and fired.

What happened then seemed absolutely supernatural and must be accounted for by one of those caprices of nature which defy science and sanity itself. What my bullet struck I shall never know. But instantly there was a blinding flash of light seen far down the black depths of the tunnel—a fierce glare that im-printed on my memory forever the picture of white faces and moving forms against a background of gray. The earth rocked and a noise like a salvo of ten-ton guns burst through the midnight silence, while something struck me with the force of an avalanche. I remember plunging with great violence face down in the debris, then came merciful oblivion. When I awoke I was lying on the couch of the cashier's office in the bank above, my wife and children hovering about me and two physicians picking stone and mortar out of various parts of my anat omv.

Time tragedy of Douglaston was a nine-days nati onal wonder, but the story I told up to the lima tof my recollection was confirmed the next day by digging along the tunnel from end to end, and the finding of four bodies frightfully man tilated in various contortions in the narrow de piths. One piece of metal baffled all curiosity um til a mining engineer recognized it as part of a dynamite cartridge. It proved that the garag had meant to blow their way into that sixty thousand dollars at all venture. Astromomers say that once in many millions of years two planets will collide in space, and great is the explosion thereof. This is the only blird logic by which I can account for my bullet reaching that dynamite cartridge and bringing four outlaws to instant and terrible judgment. Other speculations are quite in

### The Bones of Spire Steeple.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY HOWARD MARCUS STRONG.

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T was high tide and the Merry May lay with her bowsprit overlapping Fish Wharf. On board the mate was slowly coiling yard after yard of brown, hook-strung line into a slimy green tub.

"No," he said in answer to my request; "but I don't know anything about it. Ask the old man."

Down in the cabin I discovered the captain seated before a soapy washstand and staring hard at two blank sheets of paper, while he endeavored to crystallize his thoughts by chewing the end of a red penholder. He

seemed relieved at the interruption.

"Certainly," he replied, after listening to my request to be allowed to accc any him to the fishing banks. "We drop out about midnight. Now you can do me a favor. I can't think and write at the same time; suppose you push the pen for me."

On leaving the Merry May I posted the following remarkable letter:

"Dr. RUGGLES.—Since it was hauled up I have had no luck. I figure that it has Jonahed me. I must put it under again, and will pay you back the money.—C. GROTER."

Returning to the schooner at midnight, I found the crew all on board and the captain closeted with Dr. Ruggles. Just as we were shout to cut loose the doctor went ashore, hughing loudly.

#### BIG BABIES.

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greatly discouraged when I commenced taking your medicines, but the first bottle seemed to help me, I took five bottles of 'Favorite Prescription', two of 'Golden Medical Discovery'. also two vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. I can highly recommend 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' to all who suffer as I did. My sickness dated from the birth of my last child, who died the same day she was born. My own life hung on a thread for weeks. If I had only taken Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I am sure my poor baby would have been alive to-day. I suffered all the time before she was born. I never had better health than I now enjoy and it is all owing to Dr. Pierce's medicines."

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liver, Captain," he shouted back from the wharf.

As we worked down the harbor and out past the island light, the captain lounged over to where I was leaning against the rail.

"You're on a hoodooed boat," he remarked. "None of us will get any fish this trip. I've bartered away my luck."

"What is the trouble?" I inquired sympathetically.

"If you'll accommodate me with a little of the weed." he replied, "I'll give you the straight of the whole business."

At last his pipe glowed red through the mist and the unburdenment began.

"Spire Steeple," he said with lowered voice, 'was John Bain; born at Halifax. I had him aboard the Merry May when he was twenty years old and eight feet long. He was a good hand, but he took up too much room. When his knees were hoisted up under his chin, he filled a whole bunk. Being short on room I had to let him go.

"I only saw him a few times after he left me. Once he said that there was a man after him day and night, wanting him for a freak in some museum. I could see that it worried him for he was always mightily ashamed of his

"The next thing I heard of the lad he was traveling around the country with some big show. It was a surprise to me, knowing how modest he was. But the truth came out at last; the show people had kidnapped the poor fellow, keeping him a prisoner while they exhibited him around the country.

"One day he turned up at the dock where we were unloading fish. He was thin as a skeleton and looked as if his cruise was almost up. He had escaped from his captors and walked all the way back to the city. Although he had brought in thousands of dollars to the show. they had never given him a cent and had starved him into the bargain.

"Well, his troubles weren't over yet. Some doctor happened to spy him on the street and wanted to make a dicker right there for his bones. If Steeple would will him his remains. he promised to keep him in comfort as long as he lived (which the doctor probably knew wouldn't be long.)

"A month ago Steeple came to see me for the last time. 'Captain,' he said, 'I've brought you seventeen dollars-all I have. When I'm dead I want you to roll me up in an old sail, put a stone to my feet and then heave me overboard three miles out. No one will be able to disturb me there.'

"I didn't care for the business; but he plead herring if they hang me for it."

with me with tears in his eyes and I finally s wore to do it. A week later I had to keep my promise. In some way the doctor had heard of the matter and he insisted on going along.

"'It's no use, sir,' I told him. 'You can't get Steeple. I never broke my word to a living man, and I'm not going to begin with a dead

"'You're right,' said he, looking very much disappointed. 'But I'll accompany you, any-

"Early in the morning we sailed out to the three-mile limit with Spire Steeple sewed up in a piece of canvas. Just before we reached the proper place the doctor came up and stuck a roll of bills in my hand. It looked terribly big but I told him that I couldn't break my word. At that he cleared his throat and winked.

"'I don't suppose you can have any objection to my fastening a line to the body,' he said.

"That roll of bills was getting larger every minute. 'Do as you please,' I said at last, and cursed myself for a scoundrel.

"We slid the body off a grating and the line spun out.

"'That's deep enough to drown conscience," the doctor said at last. 'Pull in now, boys.'

"It was a bad business for me. Since the time that body came up over the rail, all wet and dripping, I haven't taken enough fish to pay expenses."

"And where is it now?" I asked; for the captain had broken off his narrative abruptly and started aft.

"The poor devil's bones are jangling on wires up at the museum now," he replied, and disappeared below. "For heaven's sake come down here!" he yelled the next minute.

"Well?" I inquired, cautiously descending the ladder.

"Sh-h-h!" he cautioned.

A moan followed, apparently rising from the planks beneath our feet. Then a strange, muffled voice announced: "I'm-I'm the-I'm the immortal o'-I'm the

immortal o' Spir-r-re Stee-ee-ple." "Hear it?" gasped the captain, and before I

could answer it came again. "Help!" moaned the terrifled skipper. "It's

his voice. I can recognize it." "It's some one down in the hold," I asserted.

'Call the crew in here and see who is missing." With surprising alacrity they all shuffled into the cabin, each face wearing a look of un-

natural solemnity. "I'm-I'm the immortal," wheezed the mysterious voice.

"It's Judas money," cried the captain, fumbing at his pocket. "I'll throw it overboard." "N-n-o-o," moaned the voice; "give it to

the poor." "Who's the poor?" whined the captain, half crying.

"Crew-crew," came the ready answer.

Without waiting for a further monition, the captain dealt out the bills to a dozen willing

"This is a put up job," I protested vainly. 'Some one is stowed away below."

The men eyed me evilly and hastened to quit the room before the captain could recall his penitential act. In the course of a five minute talk I succeeded in convincing the terrifled

man that he was the victim of a practical joke. "I'll look into this business," he said, picking up his courage and a lighted lantern; but scarcely had he reached the deck when, from out across the water, there arose a terrific bel-

Through the gray of the early morning we could make out a monstrous shape, half animal. half serpent. As it bore down upon us, the air became charged with a rank, musk-like odor, which was almost unbearable.

"Put her about, mate," cried the captain. God help us, we may get away from it yet."

"Don't be a fool and make us lose the day's fishing," pleaded the mate, who was also part owner of the schooner. "It's only a sea-turtle, and the voice was a hoax. You can have your money back."

"I tell you to put her about," shrieked the captain, as the bellowing increased and the rater was lashed into foam. "I want to ge shore before all hell breaks loose."

The mate went so far as to drag out the "immortal o' Spire Steeple" from the forward hatch: but the skipper even refused to believe when thus confronted with evidence in the shape of his own nephew. Back went the Merry May to Fish Wharf, and on shore went the captain without a word to any one.

"He'll bear watching," said the mate. "Will you join me?"

We had proceeded perhaps a dozen blocks when a man suddenly dashed by us, holding in his arms a great stack of human bones. Far in the rear two portly policemen and a few museum attendants were shouting themselves hoarse.

"The old man will be out there and before they reach the wharf," said the mate, as we turned to join the pursuers. "But they'll 'y for him."

It was just growing dusk when the little schooner once more approached her moorings and the officers sprang aboard. From his post at the wheel the captain spied me among the curious crowd on the wharf.

"I'll bet it's deep enough to drown conscience this time," he shouted; "and I don't give a

### A Visible Thought.

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AM a chemist by occupation, and the very nature of my work has brought about some strange experiences and developed certain theories peculiarly my own. I was always fond of the occult and loved to delve in matters pertaining to the so-called spiritual world. In truth, my experiments along this line, pursued in a scientific way, produced at one time such a startling result that I feel it my duty to give the facts to the public, that science may be benefited thereby.

The start of the matter was simple enough. One morning my wife came to my laboratory

where I was working at a new explosive which I thought would revolutionize modern warfare.

"John," she said, pushing her head through the doorway, and giving a dissatisfied sniff, "it seems to me you keep the most horrid smelling things in here."

"Very well, my dear. If you will just close the door and go back to your sitting-room you won't have to smell them," I answered. I was very busy and I did not wish to be disturbed, even by so good a woman as my wife.

"But, John, Mrs. Thornton was over here just now, and there is to be a spiritual seance at her house this evening. She says Miss Meadows, the celebrated medium, is to be there

Meadows, the celebrated medium, is to be there and will give some of her wonderful manifestations. You and I are invited. Will you go?" "Certainly I will," was my prompt reply. Indeed, I was eager to go. It would give me opportunity to test a theory I long had in mind and it may be well to explain somewhat of my views. I believe there is no existence but what is material; that the so-called future, or spiritual world, is just as material as the one we live in. I judge everything to be a substance, and capable of chemical analysis. Those good people, the Christian Scientists, have simply reversed the truth when they say there is nothpeople, the Christian Scientists, have simply reversed the truth when they say there is nothing but the spiritual; that what we think is material is just our imagination. And now to my theory. What is that peculiar something that passes through the brain, which we call "thought?" Is it an identity apart from us? I believe it is. Noted scientists tell us that thought actually leaves a visible impression on the brain. Therefore, my belief is if a visible impression is thus made, it must certainly require a material something to make the impression. That seems to me common sense. Thought, therefore, is a material substance and, perhaps, could be made visible. The seance would give me an opportunity to experiment.

And so my wife and I went to Mrs. Thorn ton's. A small company were present, includ-ing Miss Meadows, the medium. The usual rappings and table-tippings were given and then it was announced that visible manifestations would take place, and a number of "late lamenteds" would appear. The lights were turned quite low and the audience sat expectantly. At the farther end of the room, away from the company, a small platform had been erected, and on this stood a closed cabinet. Within this Miss Meadows secluded herself, and complete silonce winned. Then I began within this Miss Meadows sectuded necessary and complete silence reigned. Then I began my experiment. I concentrated my thought on Uncle George, who had died of delirium tremens about ten years before. With all the force of a resolute nature I thought of him, willed that he should appear. Presently a force of a resolute nature I thought of him, and willed that he should appear. Presently a vaporish light came into view at the side of the cabinet. It grew denser and brighter and began to take form. There could be no mistake. In a moment more Uncle George stood before me. The apparition seemed very unsteady in its movement, and swayed backward and forward, but I was jubilant at my success. A murmur of awe and surprise ran through the andience while my wife greated my arm con-A murmur of awe and surprise ran through the audience, while my wife grasped my arm convulsively and whispered:

"Goodness gracious, John! Look there! There is Uncle George, and he is drunk, as usual!"

I did not reply; I was too intent on my ex-periment. I allowed my thoughts to wander and I observed the figure began to diminish and fade away, and when I fixed them on Uncle George he came plainly into view. I was fully satisfied. A thought could be made visi-

"Wasn't it wonderful?" remarked my wife "Why, I could after we had returned home. "Why see Uncle George as plain as could be.

You didn't see him," I replied.

"What did I see?"

"You saw my thought—my materialized thought," I answered. And I tried to make clear my theory and its result.
"Well," continued my wife, not half com-

prehending, "all I have to say is, that if your thoughts are as drunk as Uncle George seemed to be, you had better have them sign a temper-ance pledge."

I said nothing to this, for, after all, what does a woman—especially my wife—know about does a woman—especially my wife—know about science? My success, however, gave an impetus to my investigation. If a thought could be made visible, was it not, therefore, material? And, if so, could it be chemically analyzed? This problem perplexed me for several days as I worked in my laboratory. One thing I soon discovered. I could not produce a visible thought without a medium. Where should I get one? Fortune, good-luck, or something, settled the matter for me. One day at dinner, my wife remarked with an air of deep concern: "John, I am real sorry on your account, but

my wife remarked with an air of deep concern:
"John, I am real sorry on your account, but
I have just received a letter from Aunt Mary,
and she is coming for a month's visit."

"Jolly! I am glad to hear that."
"Why—John!" and my wife looked at me in astonishment. "You always said you couldn't bear Aunt Mary; that she was one of those fidgety, hysterical women who ought to be in heaven instead of on earth. Those were your very words." very words.' "Yes—I—t

"Yes—I—that is, I think I was a little hasty when I said that," I answered, lamely. "Any-how, we will try to make her visit pleasant."

Secretly I was overjoyed at her coming. With her peculiar nervous physique and psychical tendency, I was sure she would make a good medium. The trouble would be to get her consent. She was a woman of strong prejudice, I knew and especially abhorred modern spiritualism.
"No, John," she said emphatically, when !

"No, John," she said emphatically, when I broached the subject to her after her arrival, "I won't do it. All this spirit-rapping is just the work of the devil, that's what it is. And Mary Jane Morrison isn't going to make a Witch of Endor of herself for nobody."

I fully agreed with this, or pretended to do so. I argued, vehemently, against spiritualism, saying it was a fraud and delusion, and ought to be exposed. And I further explained that my experiments were made to simply show the

my experiments were made to simply show the people how they were being deceived. Aunt Mary was entirely willing to expose fraud, and with this intention she became my earnest

with this intention she became my earnest helper.

The results were surprising. Night after night, with a number of invited friends, we held our seances. Aunt Mary speedily became a splendid medium, although she was not aware of it. She explained to every one who came that the whole thing was the work of Satan, which she was trying to expose and overthrow. I only smiled, and said nothing. We became so proficient, from continued practice, that I had but to think of something and it would appear. One night I thought of mice, and all the ladies sprang upon their chairs at the sight of the little creatures. I soon noticed another fact. It was not necessary, even, to have our of the little creatures. I soon noticed another fact. It was not necessary, even, to have our seances at night, with darkened room. I could produce a visible thought just as plainly in daylight, if Aunt Mary were present. Her presence, however, was indispensable for a manifestation. But one thing troubled me. When Aunt Mary was with me my thought would often become visible without any wish or effort on my part. This was very annoying, as one does not wish people to see what he is thinking about. Indeed, an inadvertence in this regard finally resulted in disaster, and sent Aunt Mary home in high dudgeon.

high dudgeon.

I wish to say here that we have a college in our town, and one of the faculty is Professor Grandal, a very learned man, and a great admirer of Darwin and the doctrine of evolution. The Professor and Aunt Mary were old friends and schoolmates, and neither of them had and schoolmates, and neither of them had ever married. In truth, it was rumored they were sweethearts in former days, and that Aunt

were sweethearts in former days, and that Aunt Mary's visit with us had a double purpose. Personally, I knew nothing of the facts. My wife, however, had her suspicions, and she twitted Aunt Mary about it, whereupon that good lady blushed violently.

"What," she said, "do you suppose I would marry a man who goes against the Bible, and says we all revoluted from a monkey?"

Nevertheless, the Professor was a frequent visitor at our house, and Aunt Mary seemed very fond of his company. On one point, however, she was very sensitive. For some unknown reason she refused to have him invited to our seances, and insisted he should be kept ever, she was very sensitive. For some unknown reason she refused to have him invited to our seances, and insisted he should be kept in ignorance regarding them. And so the days passed, I engaged in my scientific investigation, and Aunt Mary innocently trying to expose the works of the devil. Our experiments were the same, but with widely different motives. The door of my laboratory was opened cautiously, one afternoon, and my wife looked in. "John, have you anything in here that will blow up? If you haven't, I will come in." "You will be perfectly safe, unless you blow me up," I answered, laughing.

My wife has a profound awe regarding my chemical apparatus, lest it might explode, and she prudently took a seat near the door. "Now, John," she said, "I am going to bring this thing to a head."

"You old goosey! Why, this affair between Aunt Mary and Professor Grandal, of course. Any one, with half an eye, can see they are in love with each other, and all they need is a little encouragement. I think I can manage the matter."

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I remained silent, for I knew her ability as a match-maker. To be sure, most of her efforts in this line have been failures, but she is never discouraged, and always ready for an

never discouraged, and always ready for another venture.

"I shall give a small dinner-party to-morrow evening," she continued, "and invite Professor Grandal and a few other people. If matters go all right—and I mean they shall—the Professor will propose before he goes home." With this remark, and a resolute toss of her head, she left me left me

Now I shall not describe this dinner-party. It began auspiciously, and my wife was correspondingly busy and happy. After the company had assembled she so arranged that the Professor and Aunt Mary were almost constantly together, and had frequent tete-a-tetes by themselves. She asked Aunt Mary to take the Professor out to see the young pear trees I had planted in the yard, and noticed, smiling, that returned she remarked, boldly, in their pres-ence, that they were a fine-looking couple, and were made for each other. This seemed to embarrass the Professor, but as my wife passed him a moment later she paused to whisper:
"Never mind; you two understand each other, I am sure. True love, like true blood, will always tell."
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Everything had gone well so far, and finally se sat down to dinner. The Professor and Aunt Mary were seated together at one end of the table, and it so chanced I was placed right opposite them. The other guests were given seats, here and there, as it happened. It was a merry company, and laughter and talk went around the table freely. Every one was in good humor, and my wife beamed with satisfaction Presently some one spoke of Drummond's new book, "The Ascent of Man", which had just ap-peared in the literary world. The mention of this aroused Professor Grandal, as it was his

this aroused Professor Grandal, as it was his favorite topic.

"That book of Drummond's is a wonderful book—a wonderful book!" he exclaimed, enthusiastically. "It is so in accord with divine revelation that, after reading it, I do not see how any one can dispute the great doctrine of

Then he proceeded to explain his theories, and as he was a man of great scholarly attainments we all remained silent to listen. When

very much in earnest, the Professor had a pevery much in earnest, the Professor had a peculiar habit of bobbing his head up and down, to emphasize his remarks, I suppose. I noticed the habit, particularly, on this occasion, and, I regret to say, I became so absorbed in watching this movement that I forgot my surroundings. It reminded me of a small donkey, owned by my father in my boyhood days. This donkey

this movement that I forgot my surroundings. It reminded me of a small donkey, owned by my father in my boyhood days. This donkey would often come to the garden fence, and gravely bob his head in precisely the same manner. And, also, the Professor's face had a strong resemblance to that of the donkey—long and lean. And the ears, too, how supernaturally long they were, and apparently growing. It was strange I had not noticed this before, but— A loud scream from Aunt Mary interrupted my reverie, and I saw her fall fainting to the floor. Confusion reigned. The guests sprang from the table, and my wife dropped a cup of scalding tea on our pet poodle, and laughed hysterically. What did it all mean? I looked toward the Professor, but he was not there. In his place I saw a donkey, benignantly bobbing its head up and down. I understood it then. My wretched reflections had brought a dire result. My thought had materialized?

The professor had risen to his feet, and was looking about him in blank astonishment. He

looking about him in blank astonishment. He did not comprehend the cause of the uproar un-til he saw his own reflection in a mirror opposite him. Then, with a piteous moan, he sank back in his chair.

in his chair.

"Oh, heavens! What is this? Have I lost my identity? Am I mad?"

The excitement was brief, however, for as my thought turned in another direction the materialization ceased, and the Professor resumed his normal appearance. But no explanation would satisfy him. He left the house immediately and the professor to mediately and the professor to mediately appearance. would satisfy him. He left the house immediately, and has been exceedingly cool to me ever since. Of course, the dinner-party was broken up, but that was not the worst of it. The match between the Professor and Aunt Mary came to a sudden ending at the same time, and for that I was made to suffer. Aunt Mary said I had grossly deceived her; that instead of exposing the works of the devil I had been his willing agent, and she insisted on going home at once. As for my wife—Well, with the curtain-lectures I received, and the remorse I felt, I was a miserable man.

But it is ever thus with science. It may bring

But it is ever thus with science. It may bring trouble to the searcher after truth, yet I think I have been of benefit to mankind. I have discovered there is such a thing as a visible

### How the Sophomore Class-book Was Discovered.

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HARLES Alexander, Chief of Police at Cambridge, owned a fine orchard, one in which he took much pride. Such being the case, it is not at all strange that college boys helped themselves from time to time, and what is still less to be wondered at, Chief Alexander, noting the depredations, took steps to apprehend the culprits.

The offenders were not caught, for they easily outstripped the chief and the officer who was watching with him, but in their flight one of the young men dropped

a book which could not be replaced—the records of the Sophomore class, and this the chief locked in his safe, sending word to the president of the class that it was in safe keeping and would be delivered to the one who dropped it-provided that he cared to call at his office in the station-house.

That was a hard nut to crack. The class was clamoring for the returns of the records, but Joe Tingley, the poacher, well knew that if he presented himself at the chief's office he would be arrested for trespass and larceny. The manner in which he solved the problem was decidedly original and masterly, indicating sharp wits that turned in the right direction would have placed him at the head of his classes.

'Are you ready for a lark to-night? averied Tingley one evening shortly er the class-book was lost, "there's no end of un shead of us if we manage things right. Tom, and just enough danger connected with it to make it

"I'm your man, Joe," said Tom Partridge,

"I'm your man, Joe," said from Partriage, Tingley's boon companion, "if there's going to be any fun, you can rely on me."
"I thought so," said Tingley, complacently, "come to my room an hour hence and we will start on the war-path."

Shortly after nine o'clock two young men might have been seen walking across the cam-pus toward Brattle Square; one was tall, the other of medium height; the former was Tingley, the latter Partridge. Tingley was ex-plaining the plot and Partridge was roaring with merriment as he learned more of the de-

"It will be the richest joke on record," said Tingley, "will square old scores with Alexan-der, and insure a speedy return of that con-founded book." founded book.

"Well, here we are, Joe," said Partridge, "just in time to catch Henderson before he closes up for the night."
"Hullo, Vic!" said Tingley, clapping the Square barber on the shoulder, "what will you sell your barber-pole for?"
"What do you want of thet?" general the

"What do you want of that?" gasped the old man.
"Never you mind, Vic; what will you sell it

for, that's the question."
"Well, seeing as it's getting pretty dingy,

I'll let you have it for five dollars, boys; fact is,

need a new one."
"It's a bargain, Vic: just make out a recei for five dollars while we are taking down the

"These college boys do beat the Dutch," said Henderson as he began making out the re-ceipt, "always up to some mischief or other, though what is their game now is more than I can understand."

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 28, 32 Sold to Joseph H. Tingley, one barber-pole

Received payment, Victor Henderson,

"That's all right," said Tingley, glancing at the receipt as Partridge shouldered the pole, "you will find out to-morrow what we want of this pole, Vic."

Presently the two turned into Bow Street, a short distance from the Square, and were walking briskly along when an officer intercepted them.

them.
"What are you doing with that pole?" demanded the blue-coat, laying his hand heavily

manded the blue-coat, laying his hand heavily on Tom's shoulder.

"Nothing much," said Partridge, "just carrying it home, that's all."

"Come with me," said the officer, roughly, "you college boys cause more trouble than all the rest of the city put together."

At the police-station Chief Alexander was in charge for the night, the marshall being off on his vacation. He was ordering the officer to lock the two young men up in separate cells when Tingley interrupted.

"Pardon me, sir," said he, "but you are making a serious mistake; you are holding innocent men. We bought this pole of Henderson in the Square and here is a receipt that he gave us."

gave us."
"That changes the color of things," said the

chief looking at the bit of paper, "office re-lease the prisoners."
"Stop right where you are," said Roundsman Thomas, half an hour later, intercepting two young men who were carrying a barber-pole, "where did you get that pole?"

"Henderson in the Square sold it to us," Faid

Tingley.

"Likely story, that," said the officer, with a grin, "fall in. You college boys are a bad lot."

"Confound it," said Chief Alexander, looking up from his deak as the officer entered with his two arrests, "let those young men go; Pike

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roared the chief.
Half an hour later the head of the police force looked wearily up from his desk as the door opened.

Caught these rascals carrying off-

"Caught these rascals carrying off—"
"Get out of here and let them go," thundered the chief, catching sight of a long
striped pole.
"I—1—" gasped the officer.
"Get out of here!"
"Sergeant," said the chief, addressing the
officer at the 'phone, "reach the night-men as
fast as you can and tell them not to trouble two
young men who are carrying a barber-pole: in

fast as you can and tell them not to trouble two young men who are carrying a barber-pole; in fact, one young man, for they may separate. Tell them that it is my positive order."

The two college boys heard the chief's order as they rejuctantly left the station-house, and as they parted with the officer the ghost of a smile that had been playing about their mouths blossomed into a hilarious laugh.

"Now for business," said Tingley; "you take this end of the city and I will take the other. Be careful that no one sees you at work. So long, Tom; be at the room by one o'clock."

From time to time the officers on their beats saw a young man hurrying along the street,

From time to time the officers on their beats saw a young man hurrying along the street, carrying a barber-pole, but he was not molested for it was the chief's order, and the head of the force was supposed to know his business. Bright and early the following morning, just as the chief was leaving his office, an angry looking individual strode into the station.

"Are you the chief of police?" he demanded. "That's what they call me."

"Well, now ain't this pretty works in a city of this size. Some imp carried of my barber-pole last night."

pole last night." "Huh!" said the chief, passing his hand across his forehead.

"My barber-pole was stolen last night," said the man savagely.
"Oh, yes, I see," said the chief.
"Well, what are you going to do about it?"
"I'll speak to the officer on the beat; just give me the name and address."
"But I've seen the officer, and he save that

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"But I've seen the officer, and he says that you gave positive orders for him not to arrest anybody who was stealing barber-poles," shouted the barber.

"Good morning, Mr. Alexander," said a gentleman, stepping up to the desk, "what can you do for me? Some joker ran off with my barber-pole during the night."

"Hello!"

The segment was anyworing the "black"

The sergeant was answering the 'phone.
"Yes, yes, just so. Will report to the chief.

"Madden, on Elm Street, tells the same sucry," said the sergeant, turning to the chief.
"I'll attend to this matter," said the chief, reaching for his hat, "just leave your complaint at the desk." Chief Alexandar had gone. "Madden, on Elm Street, tells the same sto

plaint at the desk." Chief Alexandar had gone.
Matters looked very serious at noon. No
less than forty barbers had entered complaints.
Certain officers, anxious to shield themselves,
had told the exasperated tonsorial artists of had told the exasperated tonsorial artists of the strange order that had come from head-quarters. When the chief returned to his officeat dusk and saw the batch of complaints, he turned at least three shades paler. On his desk, however, was a type-written letter, the reading of which evidently pleased him, for he was observed to smile.

"Upon receipt of the class-book, dropped in your orchard the evening of September 25th, the work of replacing the poles appropriated last evening will be begun. Have the book left in the recitation room in the museum between the hours of seven and nine on Wednesday morning, September 30th."

Such was a portion of the anonymous letter received by the chief. Promptly at seven o'clock the following morning the muchwanted book was delivered at the aforesaid place, and less than twenty minutes later a carpenter drove into the Square with a considerable load of barber-poles, which he began at once to replace.

There were another. Every warden and nurse employed in the institution had heard these same remarks a hundred times and in the main they thought that the superintendent was correct.

Occasionally one of them would be caught napping, however, with more or less serious results. Then the head of the asylum would stream the carelessness of employees in general and the discomfited one in particular.

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There is little doubt but that the chief could have made considerable trouble for both Tingley and Partridge, had he been so disposed, but Chief Alexander had been, and was a dear lover of a practical joke, and somehow he relished the plot and its masterly carrying out, good-naturedly joining in the laugh which the whole force was indulging in at his expense.

### Superintendent Number 2.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY JONATHAN GRAY.

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N the year 1897 there was incarcerated in the Barre Asylum for the insane a man of remarkthe fact that this man was detained at the institution. On every point, save one, he was perfectly rational. He imagined that he was immensely wealthy, his riches far surpassing those of the Vanderbilts and Rothschilds, when as a matter of fact he was absolutely penniless. Ordinarily he was as harmless as a child. but at times, incensed by imprudent ones who laughed at his vagaries, he would become exceedingly violent.

The superintendent of the asylum, David Ransom, was a man of stern, unrelenting hand. He trusted not an inmate of the asylum, however docile he might seem.

"The quietest lunatic is the most dangerous; look out for him," was a favorite maxim of the superintendent; "never turn your back to an insane person when you are within reach of most lustily.

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The superintendent was expecting two physicians one morning and anxious that everything should appear at its best he had made an early round of the buildings, seeing that the patients were well cared for and the work properly attended to. All would have gone well, no doubt, had not the superintendent in an unlucky moment unlocked Room 43, occupied by the individual referred to in the opening paragraph of this narrative.

by the individual referred to in the opening paragraph of this narrative.
Entering, and in a moment of absent-mindedness turning his back to the lunatic, he gave the inmate an opportunity to escape, and this he was not slow in improving. Quick as a flash he bolted through the open door, slamming and locking it behind him, coolly pocketing the superintendent's keys and walking

At the end of the corridor was the office and thither he hastened, securing two loaded revolvers, and thus armed started out on the warpath.

The first person that attracted his attention

was one of the wardens who was making his

Scarcely had this remarkable feat been accomplished when the two doctors which the complished when the two doctors which the superintendent had been expecting put in an appearance, Percival smilingly admitting them to the office, making free with the choice cigars which he found in the desk, the while entertaining his visitors with his witty conversation. "Suppose we now begin the trip through the asylum," said Percival, at length removing his cigar from his mouth, "and if there is any particular ward in which you are interested we will go there first."

"I understand that there is a peculiar case being treated here at the present time," said one of the physicians. "Charles Percival is the name, I believe; imagines that he is very wealthy, though apparently sane on other points."

"Yes, peculiar case, that," said the superin-

"Yes, peculiar case, that," said the superintendent pro tem. a curious light coming into his eyes, "we will go and see him directly."
"Perfectly rational at times, isn't he?"
queried the other doctor.

"True; you might talk with him for an hour, if you had not become acquainted with his if you had not become acquainted with his case, and imagine you were in conversation with some person connected with the institu-

As the trio emerged from the office there seemed to be a great commotion at the farther end of the corridor. One of the prisoners was shaking the iron bars of his cell and shouting

"That's Percival," said the protem. official, leading the way, "he is very violent this morn-

leading the way, "he is very violent this morning."

The superintendent no doubt, was one of the most sane people in the world when he entered that cell, but at that moment he appeared far from it, and when Percival suggested that the two physicians keep out of his reach, lest they expose themselves to bodily harm, he simply lost all control of himself.

"Are you fools?" he shouted, "get the keys from the lunatic and let me out. He is liable to kill you any moment."

"Another of his fancies," said Percival, smiling triumphantly, "at times he has a notion that he is superintendent and everyone else is insane."

"Too bad! Too bad!" said one of the doctors, as they passed on, "naturally of splendid in-

as they passed on, "naturally of splendid in-tellect; the old story of burning the candle at both ends."

both ends."

From ward to ward Percival led the two physicians, carefully avoiding the cells where the wardens and nurses were imprisoned, proving an exceptionally entertaining companion and guide, completely deceiving his companions to the end. Three hours from the time they came, the two doctors took their departure, convinced that the superintendent of the Barre Asylum was a man peculiarly suited to the position.

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The physicians having gone, Percival turned his attention to other matters. In the store-room was a supply of food intended for the superintendent's and wardens' table, together with numerous bottles of choice brandies. Percival now busied himself preparing a spread with which to regale certain inmates of the asylum whom he had met from time to time in hours of recreation under the eye of one of the insane a man of remarkable ability. Of keen wit and peculiarly intellectual the visitor could scarcely comprehend the fact that this man the fact that this man.

Was one of the wardens who was making his asylum whom he had met from time to time in rounds, and surprising him, at the point of a remote cell, where he will not a remote cell, where he turned the key on him. Then he resumed his trom the standpoint of those who participated wanderings, actually meeting and making his asylum whom he had met from time to time in rounds, and surprising him, at the point of a remote cell, where he officials. This spread was a howling success trunked to the eye of one of the eye of one of the officials. This spread was a howling success to the scalar than the fact that this man.

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Scarcely had this remarkable feat been acdicated anything, it would seem that brandies were poured out with lavish hand between every course.

Shortly after dark an attendant who had been out of town for the day returned, and discovering the superintendent's dilemma, released him. When they opened the door to the dining-room a most remarkable state of affairs was perceived. Seated about the long table were fifteen revelers, most of them with just their heads showing above the table, the rest sprawling half across the board.

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The ludicrous side of the situation was simply irresistible, and the warden laughed outright, while even the superintendent smiled and while even the superintendent smiled and looked as though he would like to have joined his companion.

That was the golden opportunity for removing the lunatics to their respective rooms and this was quickly done without mishap, not one of the number realizing what was transpiring while they slept.

Later the other officials and nurses were found and released, and while they agreed that Percival had done a most clever thing, hoodwinking as he did two astute doctors, it was unanimously voted that the story should not get outside the asylum. It was too good to keep, however; the truth leaked out, and that is how this happens to be in print. Percival has gone by the name of Superintendent Number 2 from that day, and the facts would seem to warrant the appellation.

## Men, Women and Things.

CONDUCTED BY JENNIE MELVENE DAVIS.



Prince Luigi Amadeo of Savoy Aosta, Duke of Abruzzi, is the son of an ex-king of Spain, the cousin of the present King of Italy, but all these distinctions of mere rank fade beside the fact that he can now claim the honor of having been "Farthest

North." He has succeeded in reaching latitude 86 degrees and 33 minutes while Nansen's record was 86 degrees and 14 minutes. It is doubtful whether he has been able to add any valuable data to science but his personal schievement is remarkable. The Prince has never been willing to lead the idle life of pleasure that his rank and opportunities would suggest. He is but 27 years of age but has already made a name for himself as a mountain climber. He has asserted that his mountain climbing was for sport and not for glory. The native home of the House of Savoy is in the heart of the Italian Alps and Prince Luigi's childhood sport was to venture among the glaciers. He climbed all the famous mountains of Europe and then succeeded in breaking the record of all ascents of Mount St. Elias in Alaska. His father was King of Spain from 1870 to 1873 but the Prince has proved that he has other distinction than being the son of his father. In 1896 he visited America as a lieutenant on the Italian man-of-war Cristoforo Colombo. June 12, 1899 he sailed from Christiana on his ship the Stella Polare. Many people refused to regard the expedition seriously, looking upon it as the work of an amateur, and to those the news that he has reached the highest latitude ever attained by an explorer comes with all the surprise of the unexpected. The young Duke has courage, perseverance and untiring energy but above all the "knack" of success. His title and rank will not now cause scientists to feel that he is merely an ambitious boy. He has succeeded in two difficult lines of exploration or daring and the world now begins to wonder what his next attempt will be.

The old saw about whistling girls has been thoroughly contradicted since whistling has been recognized as an art and an accomplishment. Mrs. Alice Shaw was almost the first one to whistle in public and although she had many rivals she has had no superiors. She is known abroad as La Belle Ziffleuse. It is thirteen years since Mrs. Shaw found herself with four small daughters and no means of support. She had whistled for her own amusement and the idea came to her of turning her somewhat unusual gift to account. The idea was bitterly opposed by her friends but Mrs. Shaw persisted. Mrs. Shaw whistles the most difficult music and can accompany any singer or musician with an obligato whistle. The volume, sweetness and flexibility of the sound is astonishing. It is said that the roof of Mrs. Shaw's mouth is higher even than that of Patti. She whistled in Russia and at first was looked upon with disfavor as the Russians have a superstitious aversion to whistling. But the music of the wonderful whistle conquered prejudice and on her second visit to Russia. Mrs. Shaw received a decoration from the Czar himself. Her London success has been no less marked. The Prince of Wales never misses an opportunity to hear the wonderful whistle. Mrs. Shaw is much in demand as an entertainer at the homes of the nobility. Her twin daughters have appeared with her during the last year. The music of the trio is remarkable and meets with the most enthusiastic applause. Mrs. Shaw has whistled ill luck down the wind and disproved the old adage that whistling girls come to some bad end.

The railroad business furnishes some of the finest chances for rapid rise to those who show ability. The new president of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents is Henry C. Townsend of St. Louis. Mr. Townsend is General Passenger Agent of the Missouri Pacific and is widely known for his alert, energetic and progressive business methods. His career is a practical illustration of

man. He was born in Pittsburg in 1847. In compliment paid to him by President McKin-1863, he became clerk in the office of the auditor of the Bellefontaine Railroad. From there he went to the freight department of another road and in 1871 became the advertising clerk of the passenger department of the Pennsylvania. This work gave him opportunity for original ideas and methods and developed the qualities that have made him a successful manager of passenger traffic. For six years he was General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad. Since 1884 he has been at the head of the passenger department of the Missouri Pacific. He is one of the best known railroad men in the United States and he has gained his knowledge through the practical school of slow promotion.

Minnie Tracev is a plucky American girl who has made a success wrung from failure. She appeared as one of the leading sopranos in the season of English Grand Opera. Her work seemed successful but she was discharged with a very short notice by the manager. He rather bluntly stated that her singing was satisfactory but that her form was of too generous proportion to fit the characters that she represented. Public opinion was on the side of the artist and she immediately gave a series of concerts with a long list of patronesses that included the leading names in New York's Four Hundred. She has had the position of leading soprano in the leading French opera houses. Last winter she spent the entire season as the leading artist at Bordeaux. She won great success at Marseilles. An artist must sing three times there in opera before receiving an engagement. Then it is the approval or disapproval of the audience that determines their fate. Applause or catcalls follows the presentation of the artist's name. Miss Tracey passed through this ordeal that most artists shrank from, and won the most decided success. The general verdict was that Miss Tracev was thoroughly at home in opera and an entire success in her work in America, and the failure to retain her position awakened much indignation. She was plainly shown by the applause of her audience that her pluck and ability were appreciated by Americans.



A successful writer of plays has a vocation that almost rivals the ownership of a gold mine. No man can determine what the success of a play may be so the element of speculation is involved. Arthur Wing

Pinero is conceded to be the most successful of modern playwriters. His plays are intensely modern and frank to a degree that arouses surprised criticism but they draw immense audiences and sparkle with brilliant dialogue. The well-known English actor John Hare has bought the latest of Pinero's plays, The Gay Lord Quex to the admiration and criticism of Americans. Mr. Pinero was born in London. His early career was as an actor. He did not make any marked success in this field but he acquired a knowledge of the practical routine of stage craft that stood him in good stead when he became a writer of plays. His early successes were the Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith and The Second Mrs. Tanquery. His work is in the line of problem plays and it is said that he never touches the heart of his audiences but he certainly stimulates and piques their intellect. Mr. Pinero lives in a delightful house at St. John's Wood. His study is filled with portraits of the great Italian actress Eleanor Duse. He does not know her personally but considers her the most wonderful artist now on the stage. Mr. Pinero is a familiar figure in London, but in spite of this fact few people know him well. He is often called The Philosopher of the Drama. His plays are bird's eye views of life lightened by brilliant epigrams but a somewhat sad philosophy.



It is a rare occasion when the President of the United States in selecting a man for one of the difficult diplomatic positions names a man of opposite

ley. During President Cleveland's administration, Oscar Straus was minister to Turkey. So well did he perform the difficult task of successful services at the court of the Sultan that he was asked to fill the place again when President McKinley realized that a task of unusual delicacy and diplomatic skill was to be performed. Oscar Straus passed his boyhood days in a quiet little Georgia town called Talbotton. The little town was a center of wealth and culture and sent out many men who made a name in the world. When a child, Oscar Straus came to this town with his parents and three brothers. The family were not rich in worldly goods but in earnestness, culture and intellectual strength they possessed a fortune. Oscar was the eldest and in the days of the Civil War he is remembered for the speeches he made imploring money aid for the soldiers at the front. He took a high rank at the local school until the family removed to Columbus. At the close of the Civil War he came to New York and graduated at Columbia. He commenced the study of law in the office of Charles O'Conor and soon rose to a high rank in the legal profession. He is as honored a scholar as is shown by the honor of the degree of LL. D. conferred upon him by Brown University, Washington and Lee University and the University of Pennsylvania.

The man who would be king might receive a few lessons from the phenomenal success of R. G. Reid who for the last two years has been king Newfoundland in all but name. Two years ago the island was practically bankrupt and



the control of some of the public works and the development of the resources of the island were passed over to Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid 18 a Scotchman about fifty years of age and has passed the greater portion of his life in Canada. His remarkable success in directing the finances of Newfoundland has made him well known in the money centers of the world. He made a contract with the government of Newfoundland to construct a railroad 650 miles in length across the island. For this work he received a subsidy of 2,500 acres per mile. At the end of fifty years upon the payment of \$5,000,000 he is to own the road. The best government docks are owned by him, the telegraph system is another item in bis holdings and he is building a line of mail steamers for which he receives an annual subsidy of \$100,000. The land granted to him contains rich mines of coal, copper and iron. By contract he must mine at least 50,000 tons of coal every year. Lumber and pulp mills are supported by the products of the land and these mills are also under the control of a canny Scot. The Newfoundland people have had a reaction from the gratitude they felt at first when Mr. Reid commenced to make a financial success of what had been failure. At the last election they showed this change by defeating the leader of the Conservative party Mr. Morine who was believed to be in entire sympathy with Mr. Reid. The new premier, Mr. Bond, will endeavor to have the telegraph system repurchased by the government. As it is, the greater part of resources and development of Newfoundland are in the hands of Mr. Reid.

ble success for a young woman who left college but nine years ago. Miss Tomkins is a California girl, claiming Oakland as her birthplace. She spent her early girlhood on a ranch. When she was but twenty years of age she graduated at Vassar and then returned to her home in California. She commenced writing short stories and doing some work for a San Francisco paper. Her brightness and the vivacity and "go" of her literary work resulted in an offer of a position in New York. She is at present editing a successful popular magazine. Her short stories are marked by an off-hand ease and sparkle and a brightness of dialogue that compares favorably with the famous Dolly Dialogues of Anthony Hope. Her sister, Miss ignores party policy and Elizabeth Knight Tomkins, is well known as a writer. Miss Juliet Wilbor Tomkins will soon politics from the party in publish a long story of life on a California power. Our minister to ranch. Her success has been in the line of the steps in the ladder of success as a railroad Turkey Mr. Oscar Straus has had this great newspaper and magazine work but her admir-

ers believe that her more serious attempt will add to her reputation.



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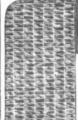
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most wish to see.
What, then, is the
Bowery?
It is the street, pass-

ing through the crowded East Side of New York, where the poorer classes of the city's dwellers live,

which has come to be the synonym for almost everything that is bad in the city's life. Rampant vice, brawls, fights, even murders distinguished it. So awful did its life become at one time that one special resort came to be known as "Suicide Corner." because so many

known as "Suicide Corner," because so many despairing wretches had ended their lives there. I am no different from the majority of people. On the evening of the first day I was ever in New York I started out to find the street of which I had heard so much. I was told that it began at the New York end of Brooklyn Bridge, and that I easily found. If there exists in the world a more stupefying confusion of cars. carts, men, women and children, and noises, than surges around this terminus of this bridge I have yet to find it.

I sought information of the first policeman I saw, as to where the Bowery was. The officer

as we where the Bowery was. The officer was grandly, gloriously drunk, although he were his uniform and was on duty. But it was a mellow kind of a drunk, and made him good

natured.
"The Bowery?" he said. "Why, you're on it now." Then he pointed off up the crowded, struggling street, leading off up town, and

designated various different brilliant lights, by means of which he directed me to various con-

cert halls and places which he said I would find interesting.

"But the glory of the Bowery is gone," he said, in parting, as he gave me a friendly shove out into the throng. "It's been cleared up. It ain't now what it used to be."

That was several years ago. What was true.

H the Bowery! The Bowery!
They do such things and they say such things.
On the Bowery."
Thanks pro bably more to the catchy music to which the words are set than to the sentiment itself, the words of this song have made one street in New York more famous than any other in the whole United States. It is safe to say that seven out of every ten persons who come to New York for the first time, would name the Bowery as one of the Bowery as one of the things which they most wish to see.

What then is the doubt it is been cleared up. It ain't now what it used to be."
That was several years ago. What was true then is seven more true now. One going up and down the street in the evening now sees little except a wonderful mingling of people of many nationalities living a free and easy out-door life if the season is summer, and if it is winter, too often shivering in the scant clothing as they go about the out-door tasks which cannot be avoided. Cheap shops of all kinds abound. A man who knows the place better than I has said that the one business principle followed there is, "Do others before they do you."

The part of the Bowery which begins at the Brooklyn Bridge is called the "New Bowery," and extends from there to Chatham Street.

The Bowery proper extends from this point to Sixth Street. From there the same thoroughfare is called "Fourth Avenue," except for a short distance, where, for no reason that I could well see, it is called "Park Avenue."

The length of the entire street is about nine miles, reaching as it does up into Harlem. It is a broad straight street nearly all the way

miles, reaching as it does up into Harlem. It is a broad, straight street nearly all the way. Of course only the lower part of it, where it passes through the thickly settled part of the city, is particularly distinctive, but this part, although only a fraction of the whole nine miles is long enough so that one walking on it. although only a fraction of the whole nine miles, is long enough so that one walking on it thinks it endless. It is this element of size which most impresses me, now. In other American cities one may find streets which for a block or two are not essentially different from this, but nowhere else in America do I know of a street where one walks for blocks and blocks and blocks through such scenes as these. It is a natural step from writing of the Bow-

or the dark step from writing of the bow-ery to turn to the records of the police courts of the city; the books in which are written down the history of what is known as "the dark side of New York." The week to whose record I happened to turn was what the officers called a "dull" week, because there were reported in it no murders, only two successful suicides.

a "dull" week, because there were reported in it no murders, only two successful suicides, and only forty sudden or violent deaths.

Six other persons tried to kill themselves, but failed. The two who succeeded were men, and of one of them the only record which could be made of his name and history was, like so many others, "Unknown." Who was he? Where was his boyhood home? Did proud and loving parents once look upon him as destined to make his mark in the world, little thinking

to make his mark in the world, little thinking that he would end it simply as a "zero?" Five of the six who tried and failed were women. One of them was a girl only fourteen years old. Because there were no murders does

not mean that there were no attempts. One of these was very funny. A fight took place in a saloon, and although the assailant meant business, all right, and tried to shoot to kill, the only wound which his would-be victim received was made by a bullet which hit him in the great toe. Quong Chong, whose name reveals his race, was injured internally by kicks administered by Carlos Admolieno. Angelina Picaraffaelli was attaked by one of his countrymen with a razor, and slashed on the cheek. Another man was slashed with a razor, and a man with a Jewish name was attacked with a club. The record in all these cases, however, was the same; "No arrest." They were simply incidents.

Two persons went suddenly and violent!y insane, and three were bitten by mad dogs. The dogs were all killed. Of the twenty sudden deaths, two remained obstinately hopeless as to the identity of the deceased. Both of these were women. One of them drifted into a place known as the "Night's Shelter," and died there. The other died in a saloon. The police books distinguish "sudden" death, from "violent." Among the latter are included the drownings.

It well were kwere generally spoken of as of little account, though, because there was practically no financial loss.

Sixty-one accidents were reported. Nine of these resulted in sudden or speedy death, and twelve were ultimately fatal. Several of those hurt were injured by objects falling upon them. Others fell from windows, scaffoldings or fire escapes. Six children were hurt by falling off a fence on which they were playing. Twelve persons were run over by wagons of various kinds, and seven were injured by street cars. One man tried to stop an elevator with his foot and lost his foot as the result.

During the last official quarter—three months elefore the week of which I write, the police for the city, a street leading off the elevated most filled in a flittle account, though, because there was of little account, though, because there was of little account, though, because there was of little acco

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A BIT OF THE BOWERY.

this was a murder, although perhaps not committed in that particular week. There was nothing by which the child could be identified There were forty-five fires, and in one of these, eight persons were burned to death. This was the burning of a tenement house on one of the most crowded streets in the poorest

rory-one accomplished the same result by in-haling gas.

It would not be fair if I gave the impression that all life on the Bowery was dark. The place swarms with children, and in summer time, at least, they evidently enjoy themselves. time, at least, they evidently enjoy themselves. Boys and girls alike on roller skates shoot in and out amid the crowds on the street and sidewalks. Rotund politicians, gossiping mothers with market baskets on their arms, drunken sailors, spooning couples are all alike to the children. What they cannot go under they go around.

At the head of the Bowery, where it merges into Fourth Avenue, stands a statue of Peter Cooper, and that bigger and nobler statue to him, founded by his money, "The Cooper Union," designed and sustained as an influence for good in this region. Farther down the

Union," designed and sustained as an influence for good in this region. Farther down the street, in the most sordid surroundings, is the superb building of the "Bowery Savings Bank."

Y. M. C. A. rooms fasten their doors open almost beside the saloons, and church settlements and missions give their workers a foothold. The "Squirrel Inn," just in the very worst part of the whole street, offers a decent meal at a low price, and a comfortable reading-room to those who will avail themselves of the chance. Only a block away are some of the most magnificent and skillfully directed free hospitals the world has ever known.

The words of the song do not tell the whole story. Not all of the things done and said on the Bowery are bad.

the Bowery are bad.

The modern horseshoe is supposed to have been invented in the ninth century.

The Italians are supposed to have invented portable firearms about the year 1430.

### How the Farmer Gets His Mail.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.



IN A BLIZZARD.

ONGRESS has taken a great step in advance by appropriating during its recent session. the sum of \$3,500,000 for the coming year's work in the rural free delivery of mail intend-ed for the farmers and outlying agricultural sections of the country, and to give in a measure the same mail service in detached sec-tions as is now given to residents within the cities where there are letter carriers to deliver and receive mail

every day. Incidentally it is in the free delivery system has only been in operation in the cities for about thirty-five years, and the original cost was \$300,000 a year, while about \$15,000,000 is now paid for its

In a BLIZZARD. is now paid for its maintenance.

Until the present time, rural free delivery has been largely experimental, but it has now passed that stage, its success is assured, and it is a question of general introduction on the lines of establishing one route and gradually extending throughout all districts. The history of this service is most interesting. No longer ago than 1893, Postmaster-General Bissell concurred in the opinion of his assistant, Gen. Jones, that "The department would not be warranted in burdening the people with such an expense." The next year the same postmaster-general absolutely declined to expend a small appropriation of \$10,000 which Congress had made to test the feasibility of the scheme, stating in effect that if it should prove a success it would cost about \$20,000,000 annually for general introduction, and he did not believe that the people wanted it. It was with no sorrow that people living in rural homes learned that Gen. W. S. Bissel had retired from Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. Notwithstanding the opposition of the department at this time, Congress the next year appropriated \$20,000 for a test, but Gen. Wilson, who had succeeded Gen. Bissell, evaded any test on similar grounds; but in 1896 Congress again forced the issue by appropriating \$40,000 for the work, and notwithstanding the expressed misglyings of Gen. Wilson, he was obliged to put the service in motion. To that part of the world that for a four widely

chose forty-four widely divergent routes, se-lected with a lected with a view of difference in physical features and density of population.

It would be interesting, but impracticable.

practicable. to repeat in detail the

to repeat in detail the history of the service as given on the earlier routes. In some portions of the country the success was immediate and all that could be wished for by its promoters, while in others the recognition of the service as a convenience was tardy, and for one reason and another not appreciated at its full worth; but the result, with the widely divergent conditions, demonstrated clearly that rural free delivery, judiciously inaugurated, could be made less expensive and more nearly self-sustaining than city free delivery as established in many of the smaller cities under authority of Congress. It was thus made evident that the general success of rural free delivery could only be a question of time. To no two persons living in America is the success of the successful introduction of the free delivery more due than to the present Postmaster-General, Charles Emory Smith, and his former able, energetic, and progressive first assistant, Gen. Perry S. Heath. The latter had the direct charge of this great undertaking under the present administration, and what he did with it can be told in a very few words

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Whenever the residents of any rural section desire to obtain this new system of mail delivery, a petition is signed, and on a map is laid out a route covering about 20 miles, on which will be supplied not less than 100 families. This is forwarded to the local congressman, who endorses it and sends it to the Post Office Department, where it is put through the usual routine, and an inspector visits the locality, goes over the routes, and appoints a carrier.

and an inspector visits the locality, goes over the routes, and appoints a carrier. Carriers are paid at the rate of \$500 a year and furnish their own conveyances. These vary in different parts of the country; one route has automobiles where the roads are good and hard outside of city limits. In the country around Rhode Island, most of the carriers are mounted on bicycles. On some of the earlier established routes are smart teams and delivery wagons. One of our illustrations shows the team and wagon used on a route in Westmoreland Coun-



THE WESTMORELAND OUTFIT.

ty, Maryland, where much experimenting has been done by officers interested in the estab-lishment of the system.

Another view shows a girl carrier on horse-

back. She is Miss E. J. Hill of East Green wich, R. I., who delivers in the country around her own home, riding on a horse in the sum-mer, and in the winter going either in carriage

mer, and in the winter going either in carriage or sleigh, and winning the admiration of all those who know of her self-reliance and courageous undertaking.

The rural free delivery has leaped into instant success, and so great has been the pressure upon Congress that from an appropriation of \$1,750,000 available last year, they have appropriated \$3,500,000 for the work commencing July 1 of this year, and the extension from now on will be very rapid until the country is

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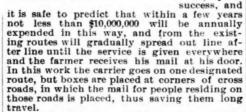
Incidentally, as the carrier takes mail as well as delivers it, sells stamps and does the other work of a postoffice, in fact his carriage is a traveling postoffice, a very great many small offices are and will be discontinued, so that the postal business will be largely concentrated into the larger offices from which the rural routes emanate. This is a great advantage to the average rural citizen, as he will get much better service than he has ever obtained from the small and rather irresponsible offices.

small and rather irresponsible offices.

These carriers do some express work on their routes, and so add some to the Government allowance, but it is at best a hard life as they



that part of the world that for a long time it was felt it was felt it could not be success-fully carried out in the sparsely populated sections of sections of the United States; but it has been a surprise to all concern-ed, friends and enemies alike, by its success, and



THE CARRIER'S ARRIVAL AT A STORE.

travel.
In closing this short article on a great subject, it is well to say that the influence of the National Grange, P. of H., has been largely instrumental in the agitation which has brought about the introduction and perfection of this system; and the demand has been so general from all parts of the country for better mail service for the provincials that there has been little opposition in the last two or three years since the utility of the idea has been shown. Our Canadian readers will be pleased to know that the system is soon to be reported on favortravel. Our Canadian readers will be pleased to know that the system is soon to be reported on favorably for that country, the Dominion Postmaster General, Wm. Mulock, accompanied by Assistant Postmaster George Ross, of Toronto, having made an investigation in the United States and come back with favorable ideas for its adoption in the king's dominions where the environment is similar to that in the United States.

### Synthetic Whiskey.

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which is electrolyzed, the result being that ethylene gas is formed.

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Brewery Schools.

the beer-making business from the rudiments up, beginning with the malting of the grain and winding up with the packaging of the goods for market.

Such a school has on its premises a model brewery, which is complete in all respects and exactly like a real brewing establishment, except that it is on a very small scale. Incidentally to the course of instruction, regular brews of beer and ale are made, though perhaps not ally to the course of instruction, regular brews of beer and ale are made, though perhaps not more than three or four gallons of the beverage are turned out at one time. Naturally, one of the most important parts of the teaching relates to the theory of yeast-production and the preservation of the purity of those microscopic fungi upon which the brewer is obliged to denend.

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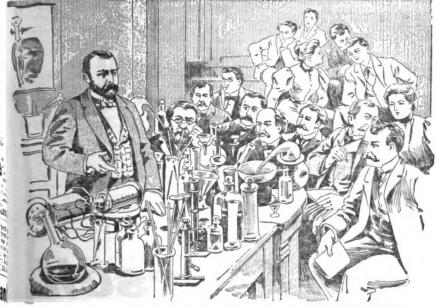
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Guiseppe Verdi.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



UISEPPE Verdi, only a few weeks ago one of the greatest living composers, is now ranked with the great masters who have long since passed

He was born in the little village of Roucole, Italy, where his father was an inn-keep-er, in very ordinary circumstan-ces. After he being an altar-boy in the church of his native town, he became

organist at the age of ten years.

About this time he attracted the attention of a wealthy brewer, for whom he worked, who assisted him in getting a part of some charitable fund, which allowed him, in our money, one hundred and twenty dollars for two years; and full of hope and ambition he started on a course at the conservatory of music in Milan. But this was very quickly curtailed when the masters of the conservatory rejected him on the grounds that he showed no aptitude for

music.

Nothing daunted, however, he pursued his studies for two years with the leader in an orchestra in one of the theaters. During the next ten years he produced sixteen operas; out

next ten years he produced sixteen operas; out of these only a few became popular.

At the age of twenty-three he married the daughter of the distiller.

In 1853 what is generally conceded to be his greatest work, "II Trovatore," was written and published. In his early struggles he was commonly called the "Hand-organ man," but now all Italy adored him and as one biographer has well said: "He was able to drink of worldwide fame and not have it go to his head." wide fame and not have it go to his head."
While he was composing a comic opera for a
theater in Vienna, in two short months he lost his wife and two children, and was it any wonder that this opera was unsuccessful?

Verdi was worshiped in his country. He was

elected member of the Italian parliament and appointed a senator by Victor Immanuel, but he had a horror of notoriety and never took his seat. On being made "Marquis of Busseto" (where he owned a country house) he replied: "My gratitude will be far greater if this honor be spared me."

All the world is thinking of this great and good man with the kindest remembrance and sincere regret. According to Verdi himself, Pietro Mascagni, of "Cavelleria-Rusticana" fame, will be his successor at the head of the Italian music of today. Verdi left about \$7,000,000, most of which goes toward the support of his Home for Musicians

Mining and Its Processes.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT



of the mountain rang-es. To get it out of mother earth's strong box, shafts have to be sunk in the rock and the masses of stones broken into small chunks. These chunks. These chunks are in turn crushed in a fine powder, which is treated in various ways to in various ways to separate the gold. The crushing is

done by expensive machinery in what are known as stamp mills, where great hammers drop in rapid succession on the ore. From the

drop in rapid succession on the ore. From the stamp mills the crushed mass is taken to the smelters, where heat and chemicals are used to separate the baser from the precious metal.

Perhaps the most interesting method is a comparatively recent one, which is known as the cyanide process. In this the ore is crushed to powder and then dumped into great steel vats filled with a strong solution of cyanide of potassium. The cyanide dissolves the gold and the refuse settles to the bottom. Then the auriferous solution is poured over tanks filled with flue zinc shavings. The gold is deposited on the zinc and the cyanide drawn off. Then the gold covered zinc is melted and the yellow metal at last comes out in its free state.

By far the most gold that has yet been taken

By far the most gold that has yet been taken from the earth has been found in alluvial de-

ded in the solid ribs left a lot of gravel and black sand. Filling the of the mountain rangear with clean water once more, he dexterouses. To get it out of ly whirls and tilts it so that little by little both ly whirls and tilts it so that little by little both are spilled over the edge. The gold will not spill out because it is too heavy. At the end of ten or fifteen minutes, if he is working pay dirt, he will have left in the bottom of his pan a very small quantity of gold. Some of it will be as fine as the finest sand, while there will be a few particles which will range in size all the way from bird shot up to peas. Any particles much larger than this are called nuggets.

But the amateur miner, even when working

much larger than this are called nuggets.

But the amateur miner, even when working in rich dirt, would probably be surprised and disappointed at the small quantity of dust which his first pan would produce. His disappointment would cease as soon as he fully realized the value of his gold, for it is truly a most precious metal. If at the end of his clean up he finds in his pan as much dust as he can take up on the blade of a small penknife, he may consider himself richly rewarded, for it will be worth about \$5. An ounce of gold, it must be remembered, is worth about \$20. In miner's parlance, any earth which will yield 10 cents' worth of gold to the pan is known as "pay dirt." Up on the Klondike the lowest yield to the pan yet reported has been 30 cents, and from that it runs up to \$100 a pan and in exceptional cases more. A man can wresh out about \$50.

and in exceptional cases more. A man can wash out about 40 panfuls in a day. Undoubt-edly it must be fascinating and exciting work when for each quarter hour's labor the miner sees his hoard of dust increased by from \$1 to \$50. But, on the other hand, picture to your-

posits—that is, it has been found mixed with gravel and dirt along the banks of small streams. Geologists tell us that it is there because if this honor country house) he replied: be far greater if this honor thinking of this great and kindest remembrance and kindest re

bottom and lodge against the cleats. The sieve is lifted out the gravel dumped and the process repeated. At the end of the day's work the strips of carpet are dried and then beaten carefully on a paper or sheet to knock out the precious dust. The black sand which has accumulated on the bottom of the cradle is carefully scraped into a pan and washed. With a fully scraped into a pan and washed. With a rocker one man can wash as much dirt in a day

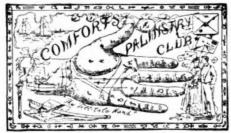
as ten men using pans.

If he is a good carpenter, he can take advantage of a still more elaborate apparatus and greatly increase his product. A sluice box or tom and rifle box works on the same principle. They require streams of running water, and sometimes the miner must dam up a small sometimes the miner must dam up a small creek to get the required head. Then there is hydraulic mining, which is only a scientific application of the same principle. Instead of shovelling the dirt into a box a strong stream of water is thrown against a gravel bank, and contrivance for each in the gold are arranged. contrivances for catching the gold are arranged in the path of the water as it runs away All of which information is for the benefit of

those who are not going to the goldfields and who have never been in a gold country, yet who read with absorbing interest about the men who do go and pile up fortunes in a few

Colored window glass was known to be used in churches as early as the eighth century.

Torricelli, an Italian, invented the barometer He was a pupil of Galileo. He died in Florence, in 1647.



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for readings unless the sender has fully complied with the above conditions

To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank paper over a candle or similar flame, until they are heavily coated with the smoke. Then lay these pieces down, smoke side uppermost on a pad of cotton. Now place the two hands, palms downward, one on each sheet of paper, pressing frinly and steadily down, but taking care not to move the hand. Keep them so for one minute and lift carefully, so as not to disturb the impression. Have ready some fixely, which can be bought at a drug store or an art store or made with gum arabic and water in an atomizer. Spray this over the impressions before they are moved and allow them to dry. Then they are ready to send.

Smoked paper impressions are the best. But if it is desired to send a plaster cast, take plaster of Paris and disave in water to the consistency of thick cream. Pour this into a large shallow dish and when it is hardening place the hand, well-greased, palm downward, in the plaster, pressing downward. Several minutes will be required to get this impression and great eare must be taken in removing the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to send without breaking and should be very carefully packed in a box with the name of the sender written on it. Putty is tometimes successfully used in place of plaster. A good photograph if sufficiently well taken to bring out all the lines, can also be read, although in all cases the smoked paper is the best, if properly treated with fixatif

Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

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Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

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N. E. W. says: "I have two marriage lines under the little finger, the upper one larger than the lower. (In both hands alike.) My life line has an accompanying line (not the line of Mars) at about twenty-five years of age for about ten years, then it stops; it disappears into the life line; a little lower another line begins and goes down close to the life line to the wrist. This line; a little lower another line begins and goes down close to the life line to the wrist. This is in the left hand. In the right hand the upper line is not visible, but the lower, however, not as clear as in the left hand. Then my fate line has below the head line also, a similar line close to it up to Mount of Saturn in both hands. Now are these lines an indication of two marriages? All the lines are more clearly marked in the left hand." These lines would indicate two marriages and the age must be determined by the position of the lines with regard to both life and fate lines.

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Dora asks several questions. First, lines starting from the lower Mount of Mars, crossing life, fate, and head lines to the heart line, mean what? They mean some interference with love affairs, either on your own part or on the part of some one very near to you.

Second. What does it mean when the life line is broken near the lower end and the sun line starts from the end of the lower piece of life line and curves upward with a system line following to the base of the third finger? The break in the life line indicates the end of the life unless the other lines follow it closely enough to bridge over the trouble. The sun line accompanied by a sister line indicates a weakening of the effect of the latter. Care should be taken, however, not to confound the sun and the fate lines.

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Third. A line that starts from the life line crossing the fate line to the Mount of the Moon? This would mean some interference with the life at the point indicated on the life line. It may be for good or for evil, according to the way the lines read after the date of this one.

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the fate line which goes to the heart line with a line going from the crossing of fate and head to the heart line, as in cut? The head line branching with one line descending, gives scending, gives an indication of

deceit. This will be bettered if there is a good line of Apollo or a strong fate line. In this particular case I should say the sign was a good one, the subject being imaginative and poetic in temperament with an ability to turn this faculty to good account.

How can you tell the marriage line by the side of the life line from the line of Mars? The

marriage line follows much closer to the life line than that of Mars. Is it a sure sign of marriage when accompanied by the marriage line under the little finger? It is so stated by authorities. It should be noted, however, that in palmistry as in all occult sciences, a marriage and a very close intimacy are considered the and a very close intimacy are considered the

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I should not pay much attention to lines that can only be seen when the hand is wet.
Several people have inquired for the price of the best books on palmistry and where they may be obtained. Heron-Allen's Manual of Cheirosophy and Cheiro's Book of the Hand are the best books and may be obtained by sending to Brentano, Union Sq., New York City. The price of each is \$2.00.

"Cody" sends two fine impressions of his hand for this month's reading. He has an excellent business hand. He has good judgment, an upright moral character, good sense and manliness. He is of a venturesome disposition but he needs to cultivate the habit of depend-

ar upright moral character, good sense and manifess. He is of a venturesome disposition but he needs to cultivate the habit of depending upon his own judgment. In early life he was kept under the jurisdiction of others, but some close friendship or intimacy formed then will grow apart from him and this will be for his advantage. He is a very ambitious man and will realize his ambitions, but not until

after he has made some hard struggles. He will do well to go into a mining region and try his fortune there, but he will need to have not only the kind of courage to start with but to keep him at it even when things look most discouraging. He is liable to have a disappointment in love somewhere from twenty-five to thirty, or possibly thirty-two, but it will turn out to be a good thing in the end. I think he will not marry before he has reached thirty-five and then will make an advantageous marriage. He will be wealthy in his old age but must not look for great success in a financial way before the age of forty-five at least. I predict that he will be a distinguished man in old age, and probably one of the leading men in his part of the country. On the whole he will be a successful man, his greatest success after he has made some hard struggles.

greatest success coming after he is fifty years old, and when he has developed the developed the power of striking out for himself and making new ventures. He is fitted for life in the mining country and would enjoy it much better than being tied to business customs in a

al place. So many ques-



more conventional place.

So many questions are asked with regard to the marriage line that I will give you what Heron-Allen quotes as signs of a happy marriage. A cross upon the Mount of Jupiter denotes a happy marriage, and if a star be found there also, it indicates a brilliant and advantageous marriage. If the fate line goes from the Mount of the Moon up to the heart line and then mingles itself with the heart line, both going to the Mount of Jupiter, it is an infallible sign of a rich and fortunate marriage. A star on the Mount of Jupiter signifies a brilliant marriage with good luck, honor, love and success. The only good signification of the cross is upon the Mount of Jupiter when it signifies a happy marriage.

His signs of unhappy marriage include a worry line, starting from the Mount of Venus going straight to the heart, and if it forks where it cuits the life line it indicates an unhappy marriage or even a divorce. Another is when the line of heart turns down to the line of heart. A star at the base of the thumb between the phalanx of logic and the Mount of Venus points to an unhappy marriage which will be the curse of the whole existence unless the Mount of Jupiter be developed in which case the subject will get over it. A line extending from a star on the Mount of Venus to a fork under the finger of Saturn betrays an unhappy marriage. If, however, this line ends in a square in the palm of the hand instead of the aforesaid fork, it signifies a narrow escape from a miserable marriage. Lines from the phalanx of logic to the line of life are thought by the old authorities to indicate marriage; if they are confused they betray troubles in love and marriage.

of logic and either one very deep, or three strong lines upon the Mount of Apollo, which is situated under the third finger.

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EAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Howling March has given way to fickle April, and now "Smiling May" is ushering in the long, beautiful summer season. I hope you are all in a condition to enjoy it and that every one of you will be able to spend a part of its pleasant days in resting from your usual cares and duties in some delightful spot.

Our first letter this month is a touching tribute to the old and fast disappearing black mammy of the South. Those of us who have spent any part of our lives in touch with this dear old friend, and I am happy to say that I am one of those, will glad ly join me in thanking Mrs. Brown for giving us this beautiful letter, and illustrating it with a photograph of her own "erst-while black Mammy

photograph of her own "erst-while black Mammy Chloe."

"The 'Black Mammy', a vestige of the old South, is yet to be met with occasionally, although, alasi the ranks are thinning sadly, and some day soon her 'chillun', white and black, will stand with streaming eyes, and drop regretful tears into the open grave of the last member of that faithful band. Her place can never be filled by her peers again, and when the last 'black mammy' is gone then, indeed, will the ante-bellum south be but a memory. It is well that the grand purposes of God be consummated; and when He decrees that a peculiar people, or class of people, shall become extinct, not all the riches of the world, not all the art nor desire of man can replace them. But the 'black mammies' will live on forever in the memory of those who have known and loved them.

"If there is any one, north or south, who does not know what a 'black mammy' is let ours be the loving task of painting her dear portrait. She was the old black woman who usually was the first to receive into her faithful arms the new-born babe of her mistress, and on her broad bosom it was hushed to sleep and in some cases shared with her own offspring the sustenance furnished by nature; upon whose shoulders childish griefs were wept away, who coaxed refractory patients into swallowing hate! medicine by promise of surreptitious treats;—who petted and scolded, caressed and chastised, all the while exacting for herself absolute obedience and respect,—who soothed as none else could, the fevered restlessness of illness, and wept with heart-broken abandon when death robbed her of her charges. Those of them yet ungathered unto the great harvest, though their heads are whitened by the frosts of many winters and the old hands withered and trembling, are garrulous of the good old times "fore de wah", contemptuous of the poverty and general 'no 'countedness' of these degenerate days. When the dim old eyes are closed in the last sweet sleep which falls on God's faithful and patient ones, may He grant her o



hands; clerks here receive an average of two dollars per day without board; from sixty dollars to one hundred per mouth are paid to teachers. Some one asked about hop-picking: it lasts but two or three weeks and is paid for by the hundred bs-ninety cents to one dollar. Apple picking is much better and lasts for several months. The climate is all that could be desired, and in that respect the worker has much advantage over his eastern brother. The mercury seldom registers more than ninety-six degrees in the shade in summer and then only for two to five days when a fog comes in from the ocean. You can form some idea of our winter when I say that geraniums grow and bloom in the open air. The different soils are sediment along the river, adobe, loam, clay and sand in the hills and valleys."

IVEA B. CLARK, Watsonville, Cal.

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I am fond of traveling and of seeing new and strange places, but I would rather be excused from a similar experience to the one related below, wonderful and magnificent though it must have been. Our friend says:

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"I was highly pleased with Miss Wood's description of Honolulu in one of the late numbers of Aunt Minerxa's Chats. It is true to life. The following story is no fancy yarn, but my own experience and impressions of the wonderful volcano.
"During one of my many visits to the crater of Kilauea, Hawaii, I was fortunate enough to view it at a season of great activity, and on that day I had a most thrilling experience that I am not likely soon to forget. I had lost my way and was found by the guide near the edge of the lake and in one of the most dangerous places possible to find. Fortunately, we got away just in time, for, before I realized my danger, a terrible commotion occurred, and in a minute I was nearly blinded with smoke, choked with sulphur fumes, scorched with heat, deafened with noise, almost covered with 'Pele's hair', and at the same time nearly thrown from my feet by the terrible shock.
"But what a marvelous sight met my astonished gaze as the moiten lava commenced to lash the sides of the crater like the waves upon the seashore! Then, with lightning quickness small fountains began to play all around the sides of the lake and three large fountains of fire started near its center. Larger and larger they spread, higher and higher they went, brilliant and more brillhant they grew, and at last they flew together in one grand, indescribable conflagration, with a force that seemed to shake the foundations of the world, and



HALE-MAU-MAU.

a noise like the crack of doom, while the place on which I stood seemed to writhe and shake like some great monster in pain.
"To say that I was speechless with wonder and fright is putting it very mildly. For one moment I felt that no power on earth could save me from the horrible death of being engulfed in this seething ocean of fire. No words of mine can express the thankfulness which I felt when I got safely away from this terrible caldron and stood once more upon solid ground."

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George Ossorne, Pannilo, Hawaii

The following letter will be of interest to those of my readers who have not had the pleasure-or the misery-of a visit to China.

"One of the most interesting sights to be witnessed in San Francisco is that portion of the city known as Chinatown. It comprises some twenty or thirty blocks of closely built structures into which are huddled many thousands of Chinese, the merchants conducting their business in that part of the building which can be entered from the outside and living with their families in the rear outside, and living with their families in the rear

part of the building which can be entered from the outside, and living with their families in the rear of their stores.

"The dividing line which separates Chinatown from the rest of San Francisco is most distinct, and in fact one almost feels on entering Chinatown that one has crossed the broad Pacific and is in the kingdom of China. The Chinese will not be separated from their native customs but carry them wherever they go. They decorate their stores with the various colors so delightful to the Oriental eye, they dress themselves in the self-same style in which their race has dressed since the beginning, and even though they have come to a country where there is plenty of room they huddle in the closest quarters they can possibly find. In fact, there are places in Chinatown which descend two and three stories underground and ascend as many stories overhead, while in buildings twenty-feet in width by seventy-five in length dwell as many as five hundred Chinese. The better class, however, live a little more comfortably.

"Their New Year occurs some time in the month of February. Its festivities last for ten or twelve days, during which time business is suspended and the Chinese live a life of gayety according to their ideas. They deck themselves in garments comprising all the colors of the rainbow and visit back and forth among themselves. In the evenings they invite a limited number of their American friends to visit them, to whom their hospitality is unbounded; for they not only set before their visitors all the choice fruits and dainties imported from their native land, but they bestow upon them package after package of the same to carry away with them.

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"The narrow streets of Chinatown present a very curious appearance on these evenings, being illuminated with thousands of brilliantly colored paper lanterns and made noisy by the din of Chinese music and the display of freworks; and thousands of Americans, not favored with invitations to the dwellings, walk about viewing the strange sights. The Joss houses and theaters in which the Chinese perform their curious plays, and the tea house are open to all visitors, however, and so, although special invitations to private houses are limited to the favored few, there is very much which is open to any one caring to visit this curious place.

FANNIE MURASKI. San Francisco.

Our friends this month seem to have the negro The narrow streets of Chinatown present a very

even the old board house rattled to the tune. One peculiar feature of the scene was that every man danced with his hat on his head. I asked a colored woman near me why the men did not remove their hats while dancing:

"'Laws me! Some one would steal 'um,' was the reply.

"When the cotillion was ended they all filed into the next room—a lean-to. We followed. There, spread upon a table, were candies, cakes, nuts and heaps of 'chicking,' roasted and fried. Each fellow was expected to treat his late partner. 'Chicking' was in great demand, and as a dime was the charge for a leg, wing, and so on, it struck me that Uncie Bob, at whose house the festival was given, bad an eye to profit as well as pleasure. Uncie Bob invited us also to patronize him, so, following the example of the others, we took chicken, and I must say that the cooking was excellent.

"While holding our 'drumsticks' in our fingers, (plates, knives and forks not being a feature of the entertainment), we saw through the opendoor that they were forming another 'set'. The violin was being tuned, and in order to free their hands every one on the floor was cramming his or her mouth to its utmost capacity. Then from the dark corner came the music—a wild measure which compelled one to listen, yes, and to pat one's foot too, even though growing old. Again the noisy, rollicking fun. The jolly, black faces, with their white teeth and flashing eyes, seemed to have a light of their own as they swung through the dusky room. Around the walls a legion of men and boys were potting 'juber' and dancing breakdowns, apparently to their own satisfaction, and altogether it was the most care-free crowd I ever came across.

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"I would like to tell you, dear Comfort readers, something of this section of Georgia, eighty miles from Savannah and one hundred from Macon.

"This is the fruit growing section of the State. Last year thousands of carloads of peaches, pears, berries, grapes and melons were sent from this section. The fruit crop was larger than it has been for years. The Elberta peaches shipped from here can nowhere be excelled. This too, is the pine belt of the State. Lumber and turpentine make the chief wealth of Southern Georgia but in a few years the timber will have been used up, and more attention will be turned to cultivating the soil, which is very fertile. Cotton, corn, rice, potatoes, sugar cane, tobacco, peanuts, oats, rye and wheat can be successfully grown here, also any varieties of vegetables and many kinds of fruit. We have cotton factories and oil mills, but there is room for more, and canning factories would pay well here.

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"The climate is pleasant in the summer, as we get the breezes from the ocean. In winter we often have ice and sometimes snow.

"Taking everything into consideration this is a pleasant place to live. Northern people are discovering this fact, for hundreds of them have settled here."

MILLIE A. DARBY, Vidalia, Georgia. The following letter will interest our "old soldiers' of whom I hope there are many among the readers of COMPORT.

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"The Soldiers' Homes, as known within the United States today, are unique. Institutions of similar character, under various names, have long been maintained by the great nations of Europe; but in proportion to the numbers in their respective military establishments, the capacity is very small and the use mostly confined to a favored few. It remained for our country—the most liberal in all history to its defenders—to provide Homes for its soldiery by tens of thousands. "To General Winfield Scott belongs the honor of the first successful effort to found a Soldiers' Home in America; and he reinforced his request to Congress by sending to the Secretary of War a draft for \$100,000, which he begged to have used for the purpose indicated.
"It was finally decided to have a Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, which is about in the center of Iowa; and a tract of land, consisting of one hundred and twenty-three acres, was devoted to this purpose. The buildings are located upon a commanding eminence overlooking the city and about a mile and a half distant from its center.
"The chief buildings for the present Home village is four stories in height and furnishes dormitory room for three hundred and fifty men, with chapel, library, reading and recreation rooms, kitchen, laundry, shops, bathrooms, etc., including the headquarters' office. Other buildings are the Quartermaster's department, original hospital, now used as a dormitory, a separate lighting and heating plant, cottages for Commandant, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Surgeon, and ten small cottages each designed for a soldier and his wife. Many soldiers live out of doors during the summer months in little caves or dug-outs.

"There is a large piece of ground connected with the Home which the soldiers cultivate. Beds of all imaginable shapes filled with flowers dot the grounds in all directions. There are also many hot-houses. Artificial lakes and ponds peep out here and there, and the lowa river, which flows



MAIN BUILDING OF IOWA SOLDIERS' HOME.

also provided with gospel privileges, medical attendance, medicines, laundry work, stationery, postage stamps, tobacco and shaving.

"The new hospital is handsome and inviting, both within and without, and, besides the surgeon-incharge, there is an experienced lady superintendent who is a trained nurse and who has a corps of other ladies under her direction as assistants."

MAYME PRANGER. Fort Madison, Iowa.

Now here are a few extracts from a long and interesting letter from one of our Texas cousins. He

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Now here is a pleasant and helpful letter which explains itself.

"Many cousins have written me concerning this locality and not finding it convenient to answer slamp burning on the mantel shelf, but so many black faces quenched its light until it seemed more such one separately I have appealed to our good annite to help me out by publishing a few lines to you. Several men who have recently left the east say that wages for labor there and here are about the same—one dollar to one and a half per day or twenty-five dollars and board per month for farm

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May must bring a sense of relief to those dwellers in the North who have regretfully chronicled one hundred and sixteen days of continuous sleighing. Only those who have spent nearly one-third of the year on runners can really appreciate May. It was one of the victims of that climate who rejused to buy a coonskin coat because there were two mouths of the year in which he could not wear it.

The Pan-American exhibition that opens in May at Buffalo promises to surpass all previous efforts in the line of electrical display Away back in the Colonial times Franklin astonished the scientific world of Europe by his discoveries in electricity. Since then America has led the world in its discoveries in the field of electricity and its practical application of the science. The power supplied from Niagara is to be used and it is safe to say that the wildest dream will not exceed the beauties and wonders of this greatest demonstration of the advance of electrical work.

The industrious philologists who are perpetually searching for the origin of words, phrases and proverbs have run the word "tip" to earth. The modern "tip" is the result of an old English custom of placing a box against the wall with the words above "To insure promptness." Patrons of the inn dropped small sums in the box and the amount was divided among the waiters. "Tip" is the initial letters of the phrase. America has contracted only the expression of the fact for the "tip" itself has grown out of all proportion in its American

An English Woman's Love Letters and Love Letters of a Musician are among the most discussed books of the year. In addition to this we have the letters of the Brownings, of Hugo and of Balzac. Everyone is eager to read these lengthy records of sentiment. It may be because those of this century have no time to write the record of their affection with rhetorical flourishes. The telegraph, the telephone and the messenger boy suggest brevity and directness. There is no time for the written word. No one really writes love letters today and the next generation will have to go without the pleasure of editing the love letters of famous men or women. All the love letters intended for publication and written at so much "per"-and yet we find time to read the long letters published.

tribe whose manners, legends and customs live in the beautiful poem enacted the scenes last summer at their reservation near Lake Huron. Longfellow's daughter was their guest and it was for her entertainment that the tribe undertook the play. The result of the Indians' work was so satisfactory that they were brought on to New York. It is said that they will have further instruction in the details of giving the play and will present it during the summer with the wild scenery of Lake Huron as a stage setting. The Indian is naturally dramatic but this use of his talents is new and strange. The novelty will attract the curious and the pleasure seeker while the strange contrast between the real life of the primitive Indian and the mock representation of it by the modern Indians will suggest much to the student of history.

"To be a butterfly" has long been a term of reproach when it was applied to a person.

terflies give to the landscape? Their airy, aimless, graceful flight with its restful lack of purpose has a distinct artistic value. The purpose has a distinct artistic value. The breaking of the love droppy droppy the landscape? beauties of the long drowsy summer days, the memories of country flowers and sounds are all included in the motion. One tired city dweller of London has appreciated ail this and has asked the park committee to introduce butterflies into the city parks. He suggests that small fields of nettles be planted and the eggs and grubs placed on these. These species are recommended because the caterpillars are of the hairy kind most unpalatable to birds. These species are familiarly known as the "red admiral," the "peacock" and the "tortoise shell." The idea is well worth a trial not only in London but in all large cities. Children take especial delight in butterflies, but many city children have never seen one. The child who called a butterfly a flying flower saw in it just what the nature lover who wishes butterflies in the city feels, a beautiful element in the

The observance of the first of May as a holiday seems to be English in its origin. The erection of a May pole and the dance on the village green were typical features of English rural life. Tennyson's "May Queen" illustrates the simple, pretty customs of the time. Under Cromwell, the Puritans forbade the observance of May Day and the New England Puritans visited the frivolous revellers at Merrymount, cut down the May pole and caused the pleasure seekers to dance with pain under the whip of their stern justice. New York City seems to have little sentiment and in a city so cosmopolitan in development and history one scarcely looks for the preservation of old customs. The visitor to the metropolis is therefore surprised to see on the first of May and also during the early weeks of the month, hundreds of May parties seeking Central Park. The groups of children carry a ribbon canopy over the head of some proud little queen. The white dresses, gay ribbons, flowers, and general air of gayety are strange contrasts to the hurrying crowds and the desert of stone. It is an idyllic touch of sentiment in the midst of the rush and strife of commercialism. For a moment one feels that he must be in the condition of him who "babbled of green fields," and that the vision will fade. It is a custom peculiar to New York. From all the crowded cross streets of the East side the parties come. Thousands of these May parties are held. New York might for a brief period seem like its old English namesake-York-in its perpetuation of the rural customs of old England.

Mr. Carnegie's magnificent gifts to the city of New York and to the employees of the Carnegie company are unparalelled even in this land of munificent giving. There is a tendency to question the ethical side of his library giving. It is a principle with the Scotch Steel King that his gifts must always be met with the promise to maintain and support the buildings which he donates. Up to this time, the libraries have been given to smaller towns and cities. The city furnishes a site, provides the books and guarantees to maintain the library. This is committing the locality to a large annual addition to its taxes forever. In many cases this may be wise. The cost to New York means many millions in return for the \$5,000,000 that Mr. Carnegie donates for the sixty-five library buildings. Thousands of children are crowded out of the schools of the city today because there are not enough buildings. It is urged that the city should not neglect these weightier matters in its enthusiastic response to Mr. Carnegie's offer. In reality the city is able to do both and all that directs the purpose of the rulers of the city toward aiding the higher conditions of living should arouse no adverse criticism. It is true that Mr. Carnegie's gift, magnificent although it be, is only a drop of the stream of wealth that the city must pour out, but it has been the means of producing the result. Mr. Carnegie's attention should be drawn to the thousands upon thousands of people living upon farms who are cut off from all his gifts must always be met with the promise the result. Mr. Carnegie's attention should be drawn to the thousands upon thousands of people living upon farms who are cut off from all access to books. A great traveling library that could be brought to the isolated person who hungers for intellectual stimulus would be the noblest work that Mr. Carnegie could undertake

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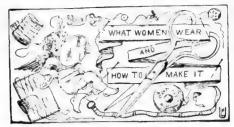
vention of instruments far surpassing those of any other ancient nation. Music appears well defined before the chronicle of the flood and to pleased at any music store. I shall do all that Jubal, the son of Lamech, is attributed the earliest invention of the harp and organ. The Jewish musical instruments were mostly used in the temple worship and may be divided into wind, string and struck instruments. So far had the development of music proceeded that we have authentic accounts of the harp of ten strings, the sackbut and psaltery, which came down to modern times in practically the same shape in which they were used by King David. It is a curious fact that in a modern band will be found in the present shape only the adaptations of the Jewish instruments which were in common use fully four thousand years ago.

but will give extracts from but two to show early displayed a love of the art and an in- Mme. Adelina Patti, the great singer, is about save many dellars and be perfectly satisfied.

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REPE de chine has no rival among summer stuffs, even as I predicted, and is so constantly brought before us in some brought before us in some new and charming guise that we feel we can never do without this pliant material again. I saw a vision of a dress in this material, a pale tint of pretty color. The skirt fitted beautifully over the hips to the depth of about 8 or 9 inches where a threeto the depth of about 8 or 9 inches where a threeinch band of rather heavy
yellow lace was inserted,
showing glimpses of the
pale blue silk l in in g
through its open meshes.
From this band of lace the
material was accordion
pleated and allowed to fall
perfectly free, with a band
of the lace set two inches
from the foot. The bodice
had the inevitable jaunty
bolero made entirely of
lace matching the bands
on the skirt, elaborately
brought out in gold, worn
over a blouse bodice of
the smallest of tucks inter-

the crepe laid in the smallest of tucks inter-sected with narrow stripes of lace. A broad girdle of pale blue satin was folded about the waist and brought into a smart knot at the back with the pointed ends drooping considerably below the waist.

below the waist.

A feature of many of the new gowns as well as separate bodices is the crush belt, wide or narrow, fastened with the knot at the back. Often this extends into an elaborate arrangement composed of the trimmings used on the waist and reaching half way down the skirt. It is a dainty finish and seems to impart just the note of connection the separate bodice and skirt seem to need. Sashes are certainly very much in favor; some of the more elaborately embroidered ones reminding me of gorgeous ribb on s

geous ribbons grand mother used to display a mong her treasures. A crisp gown of snowy white beige over a foundation of white satin whose gleam is seen between the threads of the threads of the transparent atuff, has a "gathered" skirt, gathered by means of scant shirrings at the waist ex-tending below the belt a couple of inches, set off by a knee deep flounce headed



flounce headed by a broad band of yellow lace. Here and there at irregular intervals, some directly on the band and some a few inches above are scattered silk flowers in several pastel shades, all delicately outlined with gold. The simple bodice has an unusually low cut yoke bordered by a band of the lace. From under the arms come clusters of the silk flowers forming a bolero. About the waist is crushed a

the arms come clusters of the silk flowers forming a bolero. About the waist is crushed a broad sash of palest blue having blunt rounded ends, and arranged in a full bow at the back. Short Etons of black satin are the smart wrap and when collarless are open to a variety of neck-fixings. One of the smartest collars I have seen was in deep sailor shape with its edges cut out in scallops and in each scallop set a lace rose having a pink silk heart. There were flaring turn-back cuffs to match, and it was all very natty and a fitting finish to any tollette. Today I have been shown some stunning models in summer wraps among which was an Eton summer wraps among which was an Eton



very square and flaring, made of dead white taffeta, accordion pleated and finished with a

flat band of the silk stitched several times. There was a deep round collar of hand em-broidered white muslin, while the broad bell sleeves were finished with a wide cuff to match. Sleeves were finished with a wide cuff to match. The sailor collar is again a strong feature of the "wash" outing gown. Very often it is worn without a standing collar, showing the throat pointedly in front, and this recommends it to the affection of every comfort-loving woman. Very pretty indeed are the nand-worked, turn down collars of muslin, rolling broadly away at the front to show a smartly arranged cravat of silk. They are intended for wear with any thin gown. A clever girl I know has transformed an old bodice into a perfect dream by dint of a bit of work and a small expenditure. The original waist had yoke and sleeves of dainty white lace, the ripple at the hand edged with a binding of black velvet. The body of the bodice consisted of blue and white striped silk, and this had become quite worn under the arms,

come quite worn
under the arms,
and generally
frowzy looking,
while the lace remained fresh
She ripped the
silk from the fitted lining, and
in its place arranged pale blue
crepe de chine all
laid in the smallest sort of tucks, laid in the small-est sort of tucks, while a crush belt of the blue was tied in a bow, with point-ed ends, at the back. An extra bit of the lace was fashioned into a collar with into a collar with covered bones to



covered bones to keep it in place, and the top set off by folds of blue and black.

Among the season's millinery are some extremely picturesque head gears. A large brimmed hat of white neapolitan has its brim bound with wide black velvet ribbon, while around its broad crown was crushed masses of snowy roses and cool-looking green over the face with the hair Pompadour. Another hat has a soft, full crown of pale blue, wide brim all pleated and bent in and out. At the front is a large cluster of pink roses, while around the crown is a tangle of stems, with a few streaming over the edge to which are attached small buds and leaves.

Persian velvet in bits tone many of the sober colored gowns. The more brilliantly colored Persians are combined cleverly with black and white. The combination was seen upon a gown of royal blue, and was immensely liked.

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HE word chocolate probably found its origin in this way.
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OMAN'S work in the home demands in-telligence, skill, patience and endur-ance. She must hold in her hands the many reins of the domestic machinery. There is no letting up, and when emergencies come there must be more endurance, more patience, perhaps linked with

anxiety. It is no wonder that nervous prostra-tion steps in and forces the patient hands to lie still, the weary brain to rest, and the exhausted

still, the weary brain to rest, and the exhausted system to recuperate. And here we may emphasize the fact, that it is the bounden duty of every woman to so plan, systematize, reduce, and order her work as to make it as easy and comfortable for herself as possible.

The amount of work coupled with care involved in keeping house is no small, insignificant thing in the experience of the average housekeeper. Some women are born housekeepers just as some men are born mechanics. A woman who has a method, a system, and keeps to it, will find that the domestic routine will run more smoothly and with much less vexatious friction to the nerves than without

keepers just as some men are born mechanics. A woman who has a method, a system, and keeps to it, will find that the domestic routine will run more smoothly and with much less vexatious friction to the nerves than without method. The larger the family, the more a systematic method is needed.

In the well regulated families each member considers it a duty to adhere to the family rules, thus helping to preserve the harmony and comfort that results from an orderly household. A rigidly prim household is monotonous and painful. There is a free and easy medium that comes between rigid rules and confusion. This is the happily and well regulated home in which order and method bring pleasure. In hundreds of homes there are no servants to carry on a regular routine, and the wife must tax her ingenuity to keep everything going. Not only the kitchen routine devolves upon her, but she has the care of a family, and the social element of the family to maintain, and oftentimes the usual welfare as well.

Generally speaking, husbands and sons have not the slightest idea of the complexity of woman's work. The petty things as it were, when considered by themselves go to make up the momentum of the daily duty. In woman's kingdom it is the multiplicity of duties that distracts. Oftentimes the trifles are vexatious and wear a woman's nerves more than one mighty and important and pressing duty. She must keep a million of items at once in her mind. The difference between the work of men and women is truthfully expressed in the old adage: "Man's work is from sun to sun, while woman's work is never done!"

The woman who makes her own butter, does all her cooking, washing, ironing and sweeping, makes her children's clothes, even cutting them herself, and doing a hundred other things that are sure to come up in housekeeping, and preserves her heaith, including nerves of course, and an angel's temper, deserves a crown of laurel. One might safely say that there are fifty branches of employment represented in general housework, and often one

laurel. One might safely say that there are fifty branches of employment represented in general housework, and often one woman is expected to do them all. Housework, so far as it goes without exhaustion is healthful, but it itses the tonic of out-door work or exercise which more often falls to the husband, and what is better nervine than fresh air?

Now for some recipes.

We have been requested to give a simple menu for a spring luncheon, and the following recipes being new we trust they will be just what our reader requires.

### CANAPES.

Freshen smoked herring, remove skin, and finely chop fish. Fry 1 teaspoon finely-chopped onion in 1 tablespoon butter until yellow, add 1-4 cup chopped mushrooms, 2 tablespoons flour, 1-2 cup brown stock and fish enough to make a stiff mixture. Add 1 teaspoon chopped parsley and paprika to taste. Spread pieces of toast cut in shape of horse-shoes with the above; sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese, cover with buttered bread crumbs and bake until the crumbs are brown. until the crumbs are brown.

SHAD WITH CREAM!

Remove roe from shad and parboil for 20 minutes in boiling salted acidulated water. Remove outside membrane, and mash. Cook



EGG SALAD.

I teaspoon finely-chopped shallot in 3 table-speens butter 5 minutes. Add roe, sprinkle with 1 1-2 tablespoons flour and stir in gradually 1-3 cup cream. Let cook slowly for 10 minutes; then add the yolks of 2 eggs, salt, pepper and lemon juice to taste. Plank a shad, season with salt and pepper, brush over with butter and cook 25 minutes in a hot oven or under a gas flame. Remove from oven spread under a gas flame. Remove from oven, spread with roe, sprinkle with buttered crumbs and return to oven to brown crumbs. Garnish with mashed potatoes, tomatoes, lemon and parsley. BELGIAN HARE.

Clean and split a hare, season with salt and pepper and lard back and hind legs. Put in pan with a small quantity of brown stock and vegetables, including carrot and onion cooked in bacon fat. Baste hare often with stock in pan and bake 45 minutes; then add I cup cream to which is added the juice of 1 lemon and 1 tablespoon flour diluted with enough cold water to form a smooth paste. Baste hare with cream and cook 15 or 20 minutes longer. Strain sauce in pan and serve with hare.

EGG SALAD.

Chop the whites of 4 hard-boiled eggs, mix with 4 tablespoons mayonnaise, press the yolks of 4 eggs through a potato ricer and mix with 5 tablespoons mayonnaise. Mould, chill, remove from mould and serve on crisp lettuce

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Cover the bottom of small paper cases with vanilla ice cream, sprinkle ice cream with marron glace broken in pieces; arrange lady fingers at equal distances and allow them to extend one inch above cases. Pile whipped cream sweetened and flavored in the centre, and garnish with marron glace and violets.

MAYONNAISE DRESSING.

Mix 1 teaspoon each of salt and mustard, a few grains cayenne, the yolk of 1 raw egg, the yolk of 1 hard-boiled egg and 2 teaspoons dissolved



PLOMBIERE GLACE.

gelatine. Add gradually 1 cup olive oil and 1 tablespoon each of vinegar and lemon juice.
By request we give the following recipe.

MOCK CRABS.

Cook 2 1-2 tablespoons butter with 1 teaspoon finely-chopped onion 5 minutes; add 4 tablespoons flour and 3-4 cup scalded milk. Add 1 cup Kornlet, 1 1-4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, 1-3 teaspoon mustard, 1-4 teaspoon paprika, and a few grains cayenne. Just before serving add 1 beaten egg.

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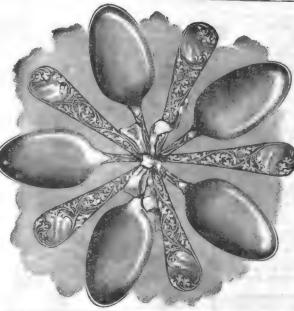
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Our older readers will remember the cross-stitch embroidery in vogue years ago,—first as it was done on plain canvass and afterward "filled-in,"—and later, when it was done on the canvass which was finished, and so needed no filling. These embroideries have been revived and in the shops carrying the latest of everything in the fancy goods line, sofa pillows, mantel covers and scarfs are shown in this cross stitch design, carried out in strong colored silks and oriental patterns. Cross-stitch work is very fascinating and exceedingly simple to do, as it requires only accuracy in counting.

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Our illustrations show a new garniture for a summer waist. The strip of trimming, of which we show a section, is two yards long and is intended for the front, sleeves, collar and belt of a shirt in tucked batiste. The embroidery is a design in oil paint on a strip of yellow linen, in colors, dull red and green, yellow and black. Then this design is outlined in the same colors of silk, using a short chain stitch instead of the ordinary outline stitch. After the outlining is done there is a little gold thread run into the design, to give it further oriental tone.

If one is clever with the pencil and brush, a design could be drawn and then cut from heavy cardboard, making a stensil. Then the stensil could be laid onto a strip of heavy linen of color to correspond with the waist upon which the embroidery is to go, and a thin coat of oil paints in the colors desired applied. Care must be used not to let the pattern slip, and to use as little paint as may be. The same design could be used on white, with gold, and would be so entirely different as not to be noticed by an ordinary observer as being the same pattern.

These strips cost \$1 (and the silks extra),

These strips cost \$1 (and the silks extra), which would be saved by the clever woman who made her own design.

Now that such showy designs and colors are being used, the Navajo blankets come into great prominence as a decorative feature. They are used as rugs, portieres and hangings. A description of the manufacture of these blankets by the Navajo Indians will perhaps be interesting.

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The Navajos occupy a large reservation in southern Arizona and New Mexico. The tribe numbers about sixteen thousand and they are among the most highly civilized of the remaining Indian tribes. Their chief occupation is sheep-herding, and the Navajos own over a million head. From the wool is made the blankets that have become so famous that they are to be found all over the world wherever beautiful and artistic fabrics are appreciated.

The method of making the blankets is very crude. The wool, after being washed and carded, is spun upon a large spindle which is set upright in a wooden bowl. The woman, for of course the squaws do all this work, fastens the thread to the spindle, which is shaped like a large top, and twirls it with one hand, while she draws out the thread of wool with the other. The yarn is afterwards rewound in the opposite direction to make it more smooth. Though not so fine and smooth as machine-made yarn, it serves the purpose of blanket-making as well, if not better, than the modern manufactured yarn.

The favorite colors used in the blankets are black, red and yellow. The black is merely yarn spun from the wool of black sheep. The red is a dye sometimes made from plants growing on the reservation, and sometimes made by soaking the dye from goods obtained in frontier towns, where indigo is also ob-

towns where in-digo is also ob-tained for the blue color. A certain native flower found in the arid districts yields the brilliant yellow that is such favorite with the

Indians.
The looms are very simple, con-sisting merely of two beams, one suspended against a vertical surface, the other fastened near the ground. Between these beams the warp is stretched. The is stretched. The shuttle consists merely of a stick around which the thread is wound. The worker sits on the ground, and as the blanket is woven it is is woven it is wound around the lower beam.
The favorite pat-

terns are always in regular geo-metric shapes; diamonds, ovals, and some very ef-ective stripings.

The Indian agent on the Navajo reservation is said to have the finest collection of these blankets in existence. The demand for Navajo blankets was greatly increased by the discovery

of gold in Alaska, for the miners who visited of gold in Alaska, for the miners who visited that region soon discovered that these blankets were the only things that would successfully combat the terrible cold of the Northern regions; ordinary blankets being of very little use. Besides this the Indian blankets are practically indestructible as the Indians claim to possess specimens that have been in constant use for over one hundred years. They are very heavy; some have been made that weigh over fifty pounds, though this is excessive, a twenty pound blanket being regarded as quite heavy enough.

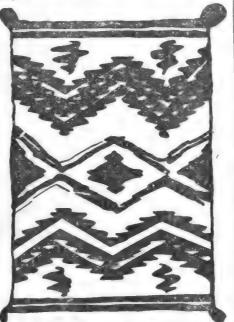


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The Indians sell their product by weight, and until within a year or so the price for them has averaged about a dollar a pound. The great demand for the blankets recently, however, has raised the price, and it is said that the Navajos have been able to dispose of all the blankets that they can weave at the price of two dollars a pound.

Some writer on the subject has said recently that the wily Indians have discovered the utility of Germantown yarns and Diamond Dyes in the production of their blankets; but until this is more definitely proved, it is certainly more pleasant for the seekers after romance to still believe in the home-spun yarns and berry dyed article.

to still believe in the home-spun yarns and berry dyed article.
Where the Navajo originally learned the art of blanket weaving has never been agreed upon. It is claimed by some students of the subject that they learned the art years ago from the Mexicans, but this theory the Indians stoutly deny. However that may be, the Navajo blankets are far superior to those made by the Mexicans, or for that matter by any other people; which fact should establish the Indians



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BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

E are soon to have in this country a test of horseless carriages that will have a tendency to build up confidence and prove that the automobile has a great amount of utility and is thoroughly reliable, as the Automobile Club of America is contemplating holding a test of endurance. This will begin at New York and end at Buffalo. The speed feature will not enter into the competition, the principal idea being to demonstrate that the automobile can be trusted to go long distances without breaking. The present idea is to make the awards on the following basis:

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There will be two classes, one for manufacturers and the other for individual owners. A prize fund of \$2500 has been established and awards may be made both in specie and plate, though this has not been definitely decided upon. It is thought conditions will be more favorable in the early autumn than at any other time.

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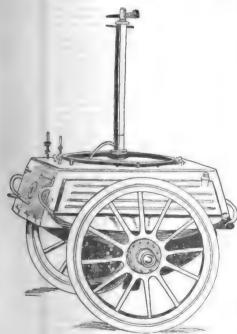
There is no doubt that the automobile will supersede the horse, according to the Patent Record, but it has been recognized for some time that this innovation would be more quickly brought about if there were some satisfactory means of displacing the horse at once and, at the same time, enabling merchants and store-keepers to utilize the wagons which they have already in their stables. This has been done by the invention of Joseph Vollmer, a German inventor, who has devised what he calls a Vorspann, which is really a mechanical horse. It is carried on two wheels, and is so constructed that with but little alteration it may be substituted in place of the former front wheels and driver's box on almost any form of pleasure or business vehicle. Thus any stage coach or horse drawn four-wheeler, which is not too antiquated to warrant the expenditure There is no doubt that the automobile will not too antiquated to warrant the expenditure which such a change necessarily entails, may be transformed into an automobile quite up to

be transformed into an automobile quite up to date in appearance and comparatively inexpensive as regards the cost of operation.

The carriage horses of Queen Victoria were early broken to have no fear of automobiles. Three types of vehicles were taken not long ago to the royal stables, and the horses were first made acquainted with them as they stood motionless, and then they were driven around them while the machines were in motion. It took but little time to thoroughly familiarize the animals with their rivals of iron and steel.

Alencon is one of the first cities of Europe to have a motor ambulance service. A motor quadricycle, carrying two persons is hitched to a regular ambulance. The "Quad" accommodates the operator and the doctor, and the patient is drawn behind in the ambulance.

The German postal officials have been so im-



VOLLMER MECHANICAL HORSE.

pressed with the success of the inventor's experiments that the Vorspann has been applied to many of the postal delivery wagons of the empire, and it is stated that the entire cost of this new government contract has been more than offset to the postal authorities by the great saving of money formerly spent on the

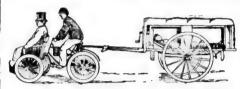
These motors are capable of sustained speed of from fifteen to twenty miles an hour. In a recent test in London one of them was attached to one of the cabs for which the English metropolis is famous. The vehicle was by no means of recent date, but when the change was made it presented a very modern appearance. The metamorphosed rig perfectly fulfilled every condition of the test, running over fifteen miles an hour and easily surmounting the steep

grades of the trial course. One filling of gaso-line lasted for one hundred miles at a cost of a

line lasted for one hundred miles at a cost of a trifle less than a cent a mile.

An American type of this same kind of vehicle is a single-wheel motor, which has just been placed on the market. This motor is also of the gasoline type, but has the apparent disadvantage of being open to the dust and mud of street traffic—a defect which cannot but help to have a severe action on the working parts. The ease with which it may be attached and detached gives it a great advantage over similar motors, in that its owner may use it for business purposes during the week and for an outing with the children on Sundays.

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MOTOR AMBULANCE.

put into service six of the Loutzki automobiles for the use of the carriers in the collection and delivery of mail matter. A large number of the same style of wagon is also under construction, and at an early date the horses of the service will be entirely supplanted by motor vehicles.

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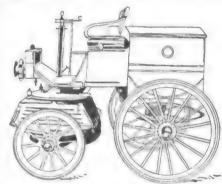
Speaking of what the bicycle has done for women is it not eminently fitting that now at the beginning of the twentieth century woman should have become so general and fearless a rider of the wheel, certainly she will enter this new century on whose threshold we already stand, better equipped mentally and physically for the business obligations and enjoyments which await her than even the wildest hopes of her most sanguine friends could have foreseen. foreseen.

But let us hope that out of this woman which the bicycle has developed we may have true womanliness, true individuality and less per-

sonality.
One wheelwoman, with the additional aid of One wheelwoman, with the additional aid of bird books and glass, has learned the names and notes of sixty different birds, and is now studying the different varieties of trees which she finds on her trips. This, at first thought, would seem to necessitate an immense amount of time and labor, but she is a working woman and has accomplished this holidays and vacations. Surely her testimony on this subject would be interesting reading.

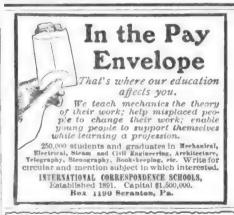
And so in an educational way the bicycle may lessen the amount of insipid afternoon gossiping, and break up some of the debating societies that formerly assembled at the corner grocery, but it will spread wholesome recreative

grocery, but it will spread wholesome recreative enlightenment everywhere. It will call the



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She smoked, drank wine, wore clothes when she happened to

was called her name, would spend hours ogling herself in a hand mirror, adored her keeper, and had the temper of a fiend. She was the property of Barnum & Bailey's circus, and died of pneumonia at Nuremberg, Germany, in October of 1900. be in the mood to do so, wrote something which

of 1900.

I had the pleasure of meeting Johanna for the first time when the circus came to Boston about five years ago. The show was to open on Monday for a week's engagement. An invitation was extended to the newspaper men to come up on Sunday, after the tents were up, to meet Johanna in a social way while she would be free from the exactions of entertaining the growds, which were to come later in the week.

crowds which were to come later in the wee Johanna received us most cordially. If keeper had not been on constant guard to that we did not get too near the cage she would no doubt have received us more cordially still. She smoked cigarettes with us, drank a bottle of wine, and wrote her autograph for each one of us. She must have had a number of names, and wrote a different one for each of us, since of us. She must have had a number of names, and wrote a different one for each of us, since no two of the sheets she handed back resembled each other. Her keeper warned us that it would be just as prudent not to hand her the entire note book, if we wanted to be sure of getting it back, so we tore out leaves and handed them in, one at a time, with a pencil. Johanna would take the paper and pencil in the most serious manner imaginable. It was always a puzzle to me just how much was mere imitation. Her manner of writing was peculiar, to say the least. She would lay the paper down on the floor of her cage and sit on one corner of it to hold it down. Then she would write rapidly, looking down all the time as intently as any person would, to see what she was doing. When she had finished she would hand the paper and pencil back of her own accord, without any signal from her keeper to do so.

Oddly enough, the scrawl which she put upon the sheet of paper which I handed her could, with very little stretch of the imagination, be thought to read "Joanna." It was so nearly that, anyway, that my paper had it reproduced in fac simile as "Joanna's autograph, written by her for the Boston—." I give a copy of it here. It will be seen that she preferred to spell her name without the "h."

Johanna's keeper was a Connecticut man. The same man had the entire care of her ever after she was brought to this country, and his whole time was devoted to her. He was a man of superb physique, and one of the handsomest men I ever saw. Johanna worshipped him, but he never trusted her enough to go into her no two of the sheets she handed back resembled

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cage. He said, "Women are so changeable you never can tell what they may do."

It is always hard work to keep animals of the monkey kind through a winter in this country. They feel the cold, and are apt to succumb to lung diseases, just as Johanna did at last. For two winters Johanna was kept at the Central Park Zoo, in New York City, and the circus paid her board there. One of the keepers there, who saw a good deal of her, said of her when he he heard that she was dead, "You ought to have seen her dress. Her keeper would buy her most anything that women wear, and she would put the clothes on. When she was dressed she would take a hand mirror and look herself all over, front and back. When she had a new hat she would try it on four or five different ways, and look at herself in the glass, to see how it looked.

"The only thing she was afraid of was an elephant. It really seemed as if she would turn pale from fright, when she saw one near her. She hated to be moved into a new cage, and when she had got to be moved into one they always got an elephant to come and help. When she was here they used to have to send for Juno. When Johanna saw her she would have run anywhere or done anything."

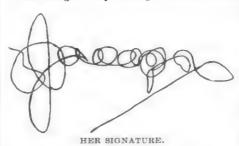
Juno is the enormous female elephant at the Central Park Zoo. She is very docile and intelligent. At one time when Johanna was in New York, but not at the Park, it became necessary to move her, and Juno had to plod half way across the city to exert her persuasive powers. It is recalled even yet what an amount of attention she attracted as she went along the crowded streets with her keeper.

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Johanna was the widow of Chiko, another remarkable chimpanzee, who died at Central Park a few years ago. She was larger than her husband, to whose memory it is probable she was inconsolably devoted, since when she was given a new husband, some time afterwards. given a new husband, some time afterwards, a chimpanzee of a homelier countenance, she strangled him the first night he was in the cage, and the keepers found him dead the next morning.

Once she got away during the night, when



the circus was in winter quarters. She had always seemed to have a particular dislike for the giraffe, whose cage generally stood near hers. When found, in the morning, she had climbed up on the giraffe's cage and was pounding him over the head with the handie of a broom which she had picked up.

She nearly killed her keeper when he tried to recapture her, and tore his clothes into strings. She broke the broom handle over the head of another keeper who came to the first man's rescue. She was finally secured by shoving a two gallon jug of port wine, of which she was particularly fond, into the room. After smelling of the wine, and tasting of it to make sure it was what she liked, she drank the whole of it, and was made so stupid that she was recaptured.

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The first question I come to is from Cousin Jennie of Geneseo, Ills., and she wants to know what finger the engagement ring goes on. My, my, I thought every girl knew as soon as she got out of her baby clothes that it was the third finger of the left hand, and ought to be a solitaire. She asks another question about her eyes and skin, that the doctor can best answer.

Brown Eyes, Baltimore, Md.—Don't teach children kissing games. (2) Of course it is proper to rest your head on a car-seat back, when you are tired. (3) Don't worry about the young man. He is silly or he isn't old enough to know any better. You are acting quite right.

Sweet Brier, Porthill, Idaho.—Let the young man go with the other girl if he wants to. Is he the only one on earth?

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L. E. W., Mauston, Wis.—Yes, you may send your graduation card to the young man. Put your name on the card. (2) The giver's name may be written in the book given, or not, as you please. (3) Your other questions are not foolish but I have answered them many times here.

Pansy, New Brighton, Pa.—Don't let the young man put his arms around you unless you are engaged to him. The better you 'like him the more reason for this. (2) Elopements are altogether too risky for me to advise you to get a husband that way.

Mocking Bird, Lake City, Fla.—It is quite right to hope you will see the young man again, and say so. 2) Collars seem to be as high as ever and silver bracelets are popular. (3) A girl should be at least twenty before accepting men's attentions. (4) Sitting out a dance is all right—even on a porch, I suppose, but it would be rather chilly in Maine.

Pet, Graniston, Texas.—If you have rosy cheeks the vellow cast is possibly natural. (2) I can't give advice about eyes. They are too delicate. Talk to a doctor. (8) Engaged couples are a law unto themselves and you must use your own judgment as to how familiar your fiance may be.

Rose and Orange, Stony Point. Mo.—Don't marry a man younger than yourself if you can get any other. (2) Let the caller light his cigar in the hall. (3) Don't ask the young man to join your church, and then he will not refuse. But he should go to thurch with you. (4) A boy of twenty should not call every Sunday night. (5) Shake hands at the door.

Charlotte, High Bridge, Mich.—You are so mixed up with your heart affairs, my dear, that I cannot advise you. Drop them all for a year and begin over again with new people.

Crazy, Waterboro, Me.-I think you are as you sign your name. You know it isn't right to accept the attentions of married men.

Ida. Keener, Ark.—Make the young man jealous by smiling at some other.

Ben. Pine Bluff, Ark.—If the friend does not care to eat, leave her alone until you have finished. (2) Wash Battenburg in white soap, slapping instead of rubbing, and pin out on a pillow or the floor, with a towel between, to dry. Some iron on one side. (3) Better mind your mother about the young man for a couple of years. If he is the right kind he will not object.

Sunflower, Friend, Kans.—The young fellow, who will not go to see you because you won't let him aug you, has the making of a scoundrel in him.

Kid, Daisy, Wash.—Store or office acquaintance is enough in small towns for a speaking acquaintance. (2) I don't see how you can help forgetting one who has proved unworthy. Why remember him?

C. G. N., Uniontown, Pa.—The hostess, of course. (2) Yes. (8) Twenty may marry forty-five if she wants to. (4) Better obey your parents. (5) If you don't love the man tell him so.

S. J., Tangipahoa, La.—No, if you are engaged to im. (2) School girls should not go to balls. (3) ou might go riding occasionally.

Ella, Arnold, Pa.—Your love affairs are too com-plicated for me to advise.

Pansy and Violet, Maysville, Ga.—"Don't mention it", or "You are quite excusable". are good answers to "I beg your pardon". (2) Really, I don't know, but it seems to me if you were thankful to get the engagement ring you might say, "I thank you, kind sir," or something like that. There isn't space to answer all your questions.

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Neoma, Kendrick, Idaho.—Be as indifferent and changeable as the young man is. (2) Say whatever you think pretty in congratulating a newly married pair. (3) Be polite to the girls you mention, and no more. Don't have anything to do with "wild girls."

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While the general features of the figures are good for the country's progress there are detrimental indications which invite comment. Herschel in the 10th in square with Mars and Moon in the 7th house, points to some national disquebule over developments in our relations with foreign powers; showing some dispute or contention over international matters in which a show of force in the nature of a military or naval move is quite probable. The administration suffers some criticism by the people of its manner of dealing with the question and there will be likely to be considerable antagonism displayed among the people and very bitter dissensions over the doings of great corporations or combinations of capital. There are likely to be some disagreeable questions of finance or trouble in our commercial relations with other governments; some retalisations as to tariff regulations. There will be hikely to be some conflict in western localities either in the nature of a strike or some nawlessness or mob violence. Saturn opposing Venus in the 5th and the Sun going to the opposition of Jupiter and Saturn affects the nation in a pecuniary sense for a season; the failure of some eminent firms shakes public conficience to some extent and there are likely

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JUNE 1-Naturday. Conflicting conditions prevail on this day, not encouraging the beginning of any important venture in life; do not use the day for anything but routine matters; beware of incurring the displeasure of those in authority; government officials and officers of railroads and other large corporations will not be favorably disposed all of this day and the next; explosions and accidents are prone to occur in these passing hours and Resolutus desires to impress his friends with the necessity for unusual caution in these respects; the suggestion is particularly urged upon those who were born about the 28th of February or May, 30th of August, or 5th of December, of past years. Ladies so born are many of them experiencing unusual trouble of mind over the conduct of affairs of near male relatives or those who are expected to become their marital partners.

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2-Sunday. Peculiar sentiments and odd expressions will be observable in the extemporaneous discourse of to-day; contentions and quarrels are to be especially guarded against; let all be guarded against fires.

3-Monday. Unpromising for dealings in decorative or ornamental goods; nor should the time be chosen for a wedding day; correspondence and contract-making is best deferred until the forenoon of the morrow.

4—Tuesday. The forenoon of this day should be vigorously employed for the prosecution of all general business; for dealing in metals, machinery and cutlery also for the pursuit of the mechanical trades and inventions; seek money accommodations; adjust accounts; make purchases for trade in the early forenoon but expect to be somewhat disappointed in such matters in the day.

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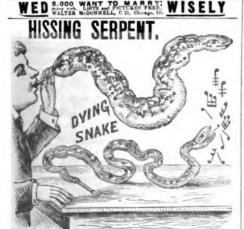
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13—Thursday. One of the best days of the month; be up with the sun and urge business vigorously throughout the day; buy goods to sell again; deal with the banker and all persons of prominence or distinction. Reguluss advises his friends to lose none of the golden moments of this day but to push all honorable transactions with more than the ordinary assurance of success; preference, if any, may be given to the last two-thirds of the day for mental efforts, the beginning or pursuit of all literary undertakings and generally for the planning of all enterprises of moment, business arrangements, commercial contracts, journeys, educational projects, stock and monetary programmes and ecclesiastical or judicial deliberations and decisions. If this be the anniversary of thy birthday or if born about the 4th of May or 5th of November, of past years, the above suggestions are peculiarly appropriate. Use the day for the mechanical and chemical pursuits; begin important ventures of that nature, institute legal proceedings, practice surgery, buy machinery, employ m

14-Friday. An indifferent day in which care and moderation are invited; do not bargain for houses or lands in the afternoon.

lands in the afternoon.

15—Saturday. An adverse day in which matters of much importance are best deferred; see that thy tongue or pen do no violence to good judgment on this day; moral deformities are excited and crimes are increased and disclosed; quarrels, bad accidents, and sudden deaths are induced; do thou beware of litigation and contentions at this time for the day is one of strife and discord; let all persons born about the 5th of March, 2nd of June, 5th of September or December, of past years, guard carefully the health at this time; avoid all controversy and be sure that business ruptures do not come through acts of theirs; married ladies born on either of these days should be guarded at this time against promoting domestic unpleasantness, as anxieties through or in behalf of their married partners as also lovers' quarrels and estrangements are very probable.

16—Sunday. An excellent day for mental exertion and for association with thy superiors who will feel well disposed and agreeable.

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17—Monday. Beware of making purchases on this day, for disappointing experiences will result in most cases and general conditions bid thee pause before engaging in any matter of great importance. Give thy landlord a wide berth and avoid all matters pertaining to real estate. Hold fast the purse-strings and do not loan thy credit or sign as security on any money obligation.

18—Tuesday. The forenoon gives the best hours, especially for removals and for the literary pursuits, mental efforts and the execution of writings of consequence pertaining to educational publications; as the evening approaches let all be guarded in handling infiammables or explosives.

flammables or explosives.

19-Wednesday. This day favors all manner of engagements in connection with strange and uncommon subjects, promoting metaphysical discourse and antiquarian researches; do not make any application to persons in authority for favor or advantage in the late affections.

20. Thursday. Defer thy purchases of wearing apparel or fancy or ornamental wares until a more favorable time, and look out in the pursuit of pleasure or recreation or in obtaining gratifications of itaste that extravagant drains are not made upon the purse or that articles purchased are of the value represented.

21-Friday. Ask favor of heads of departments, functionaries of state, or superiors in rank in the early forenoon and bend all thine energies to the pursuit of business generally; matters of a literary character are less favored during the middle hours of the day; seek money accommodations in the evening, when also bargain for houses and lands or secure architectural or horticultural advantages.

22-Saturday. Urge sales of merchandise of an ornamental or decorative character in the forenoon; beware of a too ready tongue in the middle hours lest haste spoil many good ventures; fires and explosions are easily caused and hurts from vicious animals are to be guarded against.

23-Sunday. The morning hours are best for en-loyment of the elegant in literature and activity of the imagination; few conditions, however, conduce to re-ligious fervor or moral advancement.

24. Monday. Pecuniary losses are among the affects induced by the prevailing conditions of this day; so be thou careful that thy purchases are prompted by necessity rather than for profit or self-gratification and defer the speculative until a more propitious time; be sure and have no dealings in houses or lands nor make any contracts or engagements for their improvement or extensive repairs; do not buy mining stocks nor the products of mines or wells.

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25-Tuesday. The unpropitious moments of this day occur around the noon hours when business of all kinds should be transacted with unusual caution; avoid important contracts and defer correspondence at that time; those employed with the pen should act with great circumspection; errors of account are more than usually liable in the noon hours; the morning is not propitious for any of the elegant pursuits and should not be chosen for any new enterprise calling for the exercise of unusual taste; do not use the time for buying any artistic or decorative goods.

26-Wednesday. Be early at thy post, pushing business vigorously while the day lasts; speculations in railroad stocks and money transactions result favorably to those whose nativities also promise fairly at this time; buy goods for trade; let judges weigh testimony and decide important cases. The day is peculiarly fortunate for persons born about the 29th of April or August, of past years.

past years.

27—Thursday. Another of the excellent days of the month which should be used for inaugurating important matters connected with art, music, fancy goods and the elegant in life; deal in such commodities as coal, iron, wood, lumber, lead, wool and grain, and with discretion in mining stocks; make contracts for building and repairing and such also as pertain to manufacture or large mechanical or engineering enterprises.

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29-Saturday. An unpromising day for the polite avocations; seek no favor from railway officials nor from persons high in public office; make no con-tracts concerning patents, copyrights or trademarks.

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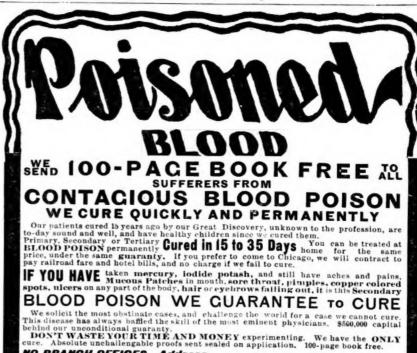
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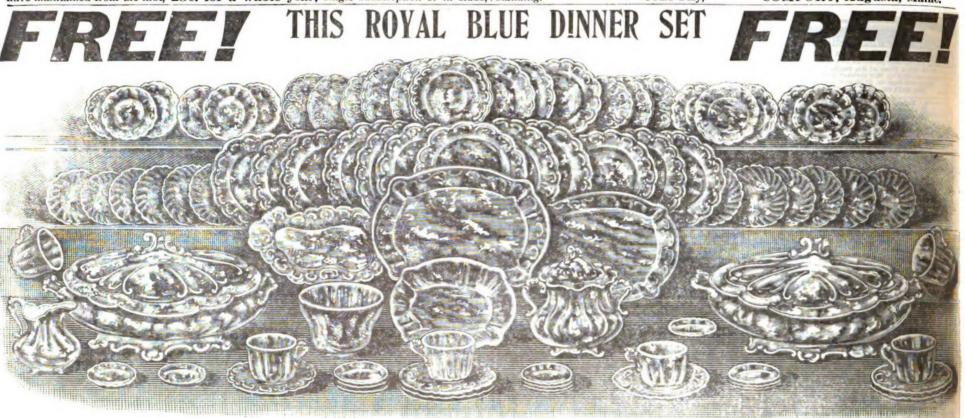
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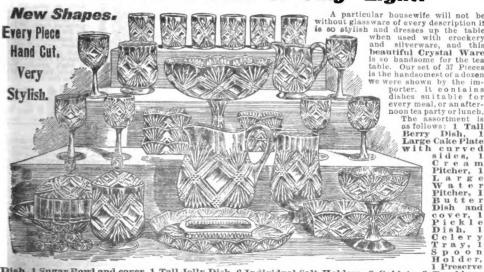
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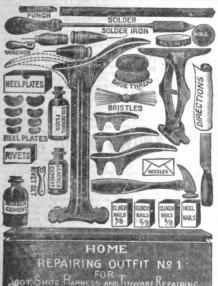
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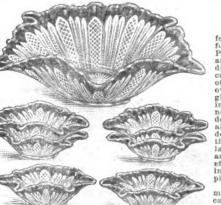
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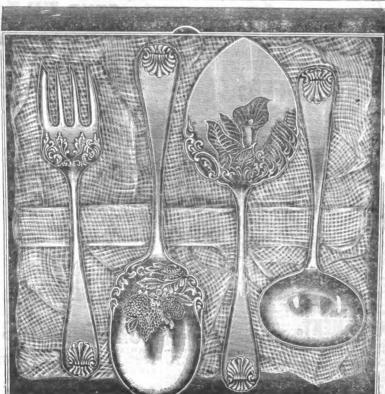
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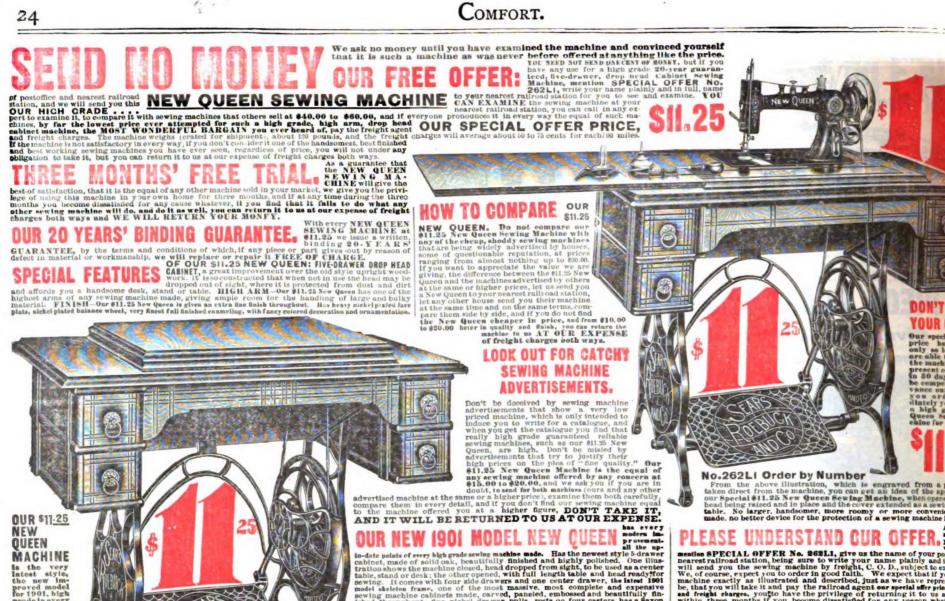
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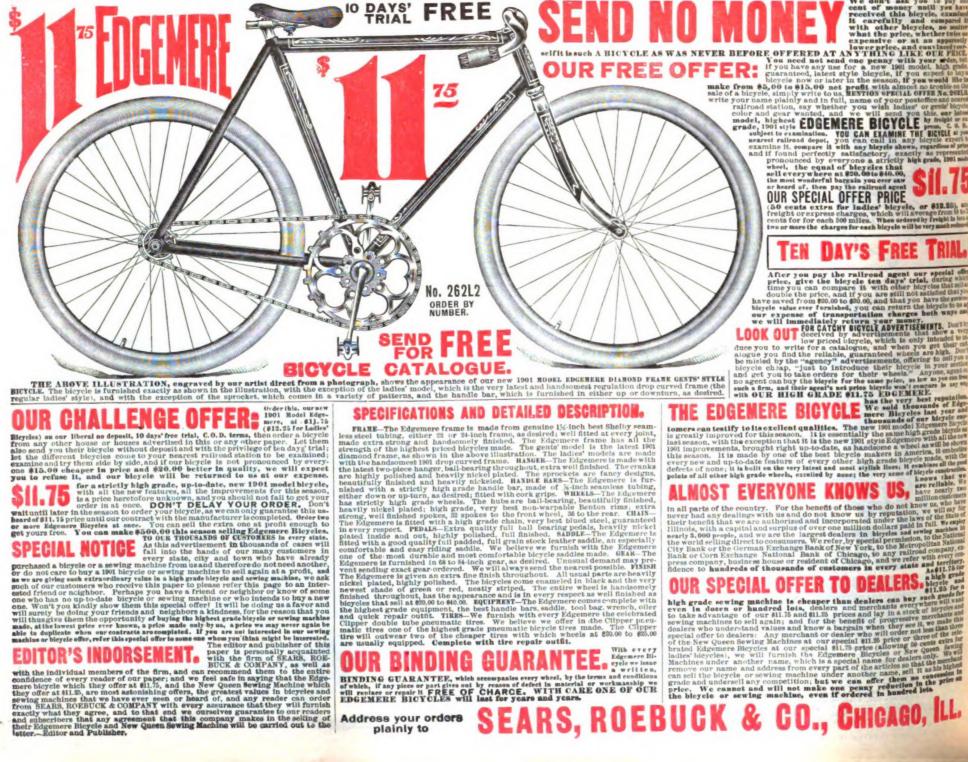
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